

Pastoral Problems, Solutions Discussed At Conference

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NASHVILLE (BP) — Immediate denominational consideration of the pressing problems of placement, salaries, role expectations, loneliness and isolation of pastors was called for by a task force of Southern Baptist leaders during the recent "Fulfillment in Ministry" conference here.

Speaking in the opening address of the two-day confab held at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board,

James W. Hatley, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., revealed his ministerial struggles as an example of what many pastors are going through today. He told how he had come to be a seminary graduate with a "theological education, but I was not a very theological person. I was unprepared for what was waiting for me in the ministry."

Hatley said that at no time during

his seminary experience "did anyone tell me I had a tendency to manipulate people, in certain areas of my ministry I was outright paranoid, and for some reason of my make-up I tended to make people dependent upon me under the disguise of religious trust."

"The minister's humanness means that he experiences the same type of crises in terms of age, career decisions, workload, family matters, economics, personal identity, and health conditions — among others — that befall his congregation," said Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC

Annuity Board, Dallas.

E. B. Bratcher, consultant on the ministry from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, cited studies that showed, "Many pastors feel they cannot approach or expect much understanding from the hierarchy of the church as to their pain and

confusion. The greatest complaint heard from ministers is that when they are facing difficult situations no one seems to care and there is no one to turn to."

Bratcher revealed a survey finding that more than half of the pastors in-

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76 Associations In State To Hold October Meetings

Seventy-six associations in the state will hold annual meetings in October as follows:

Adams: 21, Springfield; 22, Stanton. Alcorn: 17, Oakland; 18, Tishomingo Chapel.

Attala: 21, Berea; 22, Berea. Benton: 7, Canaan; 8, Canaan. Bolivar: 21, Gunnison; 22, Yale St. Calhoun: 21, Westside; 22, DeMa. Carroll: 14, Providence; 15, Mount Olive.

Chickasaw: 21, Carnation; 22, Arbor Grove. Choctaw: 23, Ackerman; 24, New Zion.

Clarke: 14, Pachuta; 15, Pachuta. Clay: 14, Hebron; 15, Hebron. Copiah: 21, Zion Hill; 22, First, Hazlehurst.

Covington: 21, Seminary; 22, Rock Hill. DeSoto: 21, Fairhaven; 22, Longview Heights.

Franklin: 15, Siloam; 16, Eddiceton. George: 21, Bennedale; 22, Bennedale.

Greene: 21, Sand Hill; 22, Neely. Grenada: 14, Emmanuel; 15, Emmanuel.

Gulf Coast: 21, Handsboro; 22, Handsboro. Hinds-Madison: 14, Northminster; 15, First, Byram.

Holmes: 14, Beulah; 15, Pleasant Ridge. Humphreys: 17, Eastside.

Itawamba: 14, Poplar Springs; 15, Fairview. Jackson: 14, First, Moss Point; 15, Fort Bayou.

Jasper: 21, Union Seminary; 22, Antioch. Jeff Davis: 14, Oak Grove; 15, Hepzibah.

Jones: 14, West Laurel; 15, First, Ellisville.

Kemper: 17, DeKalb; 18, Liberty. (Continued On Page 2)

Missionaries Aid Honduras Storm Victims

Aid For Honduras May Be Sent Thru Convention Board

Aid for Hurricane stricken Honduras may be sent through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Board.

"The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has announced through its area secretary, Charles W. Bryan, that it will channel any relief funds received direct to the missionaries in Honduras for their relief ministries there."

Immediately after the storm struck the Foreign Mission Board sent \$5,000 to be used medical supplies. Dr. Kelly stated that many Mississippians would want to give assistance to the needy in Honduras both because of their sympathy for suffering people, and also because of their appreciation for the aid given Mississippi when Camille struck several years ago.

All funds received will be channeled to the Foreign Mission Board without delay, Dr. Kelly added. He said that gifts received from individuals may be credited to the giving records of their churches if they so desire.

The gifts should be sent to the convention Board, designated for the Honduras Relief fund.

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries in Honduras and Guatemala responded to immediate need resulting from Hurricane Fifi after winds reaching 160 miles per hour struck the Caribbean coast of Honduras, British Honduras and Guatemala.

"The worst hurricane to strike the coast of Honduras this century" was how a spokesman for the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., described the storm, which struck September 19.

According to initial reports, there were almost 4,000 confirmed deaths resulting from the hurricane with an estimated 50,000 homeless. Honduran authorities estimated the death toll

might be as high as 10,000.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released \$5,000 of relief funds. Part of the money was used for medical supplies to be shipped September 23, according to Charles W. Bryan, board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

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Baptist Work Continues In Troubled Mozambique

LOURENÇO MARQUES, Mozambique (BP) — The conflict between different political groups here may cause difficulties as independence comes to this nation, but Baptist missionaries see no reason that their work, with its new freedoms, can't continue.

A major change occurred in April when a military coup took place in Portugal, Mozambique, an overseas state of Portugal, immediately gained full freedom as did the people of Portugal.

"We have so much more liberty to carry out our work now," Mrs. G. Ernest Harvey, Southern Baptist missionary in Mozambique, said recently. "In fact, there are no limitations at all that we have found."

Soon after the coup, Baptists in Mozambique met in an open air service for the first time in the history of Baptist work. It was previously not allowed.

Mrs. Harvey said that with the new freedom in April many people began to demand and receive higher wages and "certainly most of them needed raising." The result was people were laid off to compensate for the higher

salaries and thus a raise in unemployment created new problems.

One of the most important industries, tourism, has been hurt by unfavorable publicity. "Prices continue to go up, too," Mrs. Harvey said, "which has pretty well eaten up the raises realized in April and May."

In spite of economic problems, Mrs. Harvey said she feels Mozambique is lucky to have been spared the violence experienced in other Portuguese states. Although a number of small bombs and grenades have been exploded, according to Mrs. Harvey, there were, as of late August, directed at parked cars, buildings, etc., not at people.

"It is interesting that many, if not most, of the white people seem to be in favor of a black government providing they will be allowed to stay and continue their lives here," Mrs. Harvey said. "Frelimo has promised that they can."

"However, as is always the case, many others are afraid and are leaving. A large number from the First Baptist Church here and the Malhangale Baptist Church have gone. (Continued On Page 2)

Olin T. Binkley Announced As Committee Study Director

NASHVILLE (BP) — Olin T. Binkley, retired president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has been named study director for the special committee appointed to study and evaluate the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee. The committee was also asked by the 1974 convention in Dallas to study the possibility of a name change for the SBC.

In its first meeting the committee elected officers and adopted guidelines for its study of the two matters. Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., was elected vice chairman, and Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, was chosen secretary. Earlier, convention officers named C. R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder (newsmagazine for Kentucky Baptists), chairman of the committee.

The committee also chose to call itself the "Committee of Seven." According to Daley, "It was noted with some concern that in the minds of most Baptists the name change study is its (the committee's) primary duty. Almost all mail received by committee members so far has dealt with the name change question."

"While the committee takes seriously the name change study," he continued, "the original purpose of the committee was to study and evaluate the Executive Committee of the convention. This is considered a very serious and important assignment for the committee."

As study director, Binkley will do much of the groundwork for the committee, due to the heavy schedule of other committee members, Daley said. Some or all of the committee will join Binkley for some of the personal interviews and group conferences with SBC agency heads, state secretaries, state editors, present and former SBC Executive Committee members, pastors, laymen and other Baptist leaders. However, Binkley's chief responsibility will be the Executive Committee study and not the

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Hurricane flood waters inundate banana crops and workers' housing near Choloma, a town that was virtually "destroyed" when a wall of water and mud swept through it, killing almost half of its 6,000 people.—(RNS PHOTO.)

Americans United Warns Schools On 'Transcendental Meditation'

SILVER SPRING, Md. (RNS) — Instruction in Transcendental Meditation (TM), which has come into increasing use in public schools and colleges in recent years, has been questioned in an article published in Church and State, the monthly magazine of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Ed Doerr, Americans United's research director, writes in the magazine's October issue that TM classes were recently turned down by the school board of Newton, N. J., after a local ministry demonstrated that the technique is based on Hindu theology.

Two years ago, the article notes, questions were raised about a possible violation of church-state separation involving TM when the National Institutes of Health provided a \$21,500 grant for the training of 130 California high school teachers as instructors in the Science of Creative Intelligence, the doctrine of TM.

Also in 1972, the Illinois House of Representatives passed a resolution encouraging all educational institutions, "especially those under State of Illinois jurisdiction," to study the

feasibility of courses in TM. Mr. Doerr reports that Transcendental Meditation is a technique for meditation and relaxation which lowers the mediator's blood pressure, breath rate, and metabolic rate, and that it is practiced by an estimated 250,000 persons in this country.

According to the article, the TM movement has purchased the campus of defunct Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, for a reported \$2.5 million, to be used by the movement's Maharishi International University.

The Church and State article concludes that U. S. Supreme Court rulings against government-sponsored religious teaching and devotional activities in public schools ban the use of Transcendental Meditation in public schools unless all vestiges of Hindu or other religious teachings or practices are removed.

Mr. Doerr emphasized that the article was not intended to be an attack on TM.

He said he personally found many good things about the technique, and only wanted to suggest that it not be taught as a Hindu philosophy in public schools.

Clarke Trustees, Development Council, Conduct Meeting

Dr. W. L. Compere, President, reports a constructive meeting of Clarke College Board of Trustees and the College's Development Council on Tuesday, September 17.

The groups met in joint assembly in the Lott Fine Arts Building for the morning session and the Trustees continued in meeting on into the afternoon. Both groups were guests of the College for lunch.

Dr. Woodrow Clark and Dr. E. R. Jobe, Educational Consultants from Jackson, engaged in a feasibility study of Clarke College in regard to Clarke's return to senior college status, brought encouraging reports to the Trustees.

Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Junior College present for the fall meeting were Dr. James Booth, Eupora, Chairman, W. W. Brunson and Earl Cockrell, Tupelo, Ruben Cleveland, Union, Attorney J. Kearney Dossett, Jackson, Dr. M. L. Flynt, Meridian, W. H. Gallaspy, Greenwood, Rev. Lucius B. Marion, Clarksdale, and Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton. Development Council members present

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25th Year Celebration Of Graham L.A. Crusade Held

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The 25th anniversary celebration in the Hollywood Bowl of Billy Graham's first big crusade in Los Angeles had touches of nostalgia but mainly was three evangelistic services, and several hundred persons made public decisions following each sermon.

"It seems like only yesterday," Graham told the 12,000 persons gathered for the anniversary. "And yet it's been a quarter of a century."

The first big crusade was held in a tent set up for 6,000 at the corner of Washington and Hill Streets in Los Angeles. Atop each night's program for the commemorative services were the words from the Fanny Crosby verse, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice

... And give Him the glory, great things He hath done."

The anniversary of that first big crusade was sponsored by area churches and the magazine, Christianity Today. Graham and others praised God for what had been accomplished in the first crusade and in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team's ministries since then. The familiar faces of song leader Cliff Barrows and soloist George Beverly Shea were in evidence for the anniversary just as they have been for the past 25 years.

In the Hollywood Bowl services and in other related public appearances Graham repeatedly gave God the credit for the opportunities and ministries of his team. The evening be-

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Observe Cooperative Program Month in October

The Convention President Speaks

Mississippi Baptists are truly a great people. It would be absolutely impossible for me to put into words my love, admiration, and appreciation for you wonderful people. You have honored me, you have given me opportunities of service, and you have cooperated in the service.

On Monday, September 23, your convention board voted to recommend to the Convention, which meets in November, to proceed with the restoration of Gulfshore. This is evidence of men of faith and of people who want to serve our Lord well.

I appreciate all you have done in making the campaign as successful as it has been, but I do want to point out that we have not reached the goal of \$1,250,000. I tried to point this out very emphatically in my report to the board. Therefore, it is extremely urgent that other churches help, that all churches who have been giving will continue to give in the same way, and that some individuals rise up and give. We still need some person somewhere to be very liberal and make a large donation.

I do want to insist that we are now in the process of making plans to restore this facility. It will be a new day in Mississippi Baptist life. I am looking forward to it. I believe our spiritual life will be strengthened, our church programs will be aided, and all of us will march together doing great things for our Lord. — David Grant.

Baptist Work - - -

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Some are hoping in return if circumstances permit.

I think the prevailing spirit is one of optimism," she continued, "particularly among the African people. Unfortunately, many of them hope for a miracle from one day to the next and I hope that disillusionment will not cause serious difficulties in the future."

"Certainly our work has been affected and will continue to be so," she said.

"Of great importance for the future, is the probably opening of our work in the north above Beira. The war had kept this area closed, but as soon as a cease - fire is arranged, the only thing that will keep us out is lack of personnel.

"What we need now are missionaries. The country is ripe for the harvest," Mrs. Harvey concluded. "But with six ordained pastors and nine workers, including missionaries, we can't begin to reach the people."

News Briefs

In The World Of Religion

ATHENS — Twenty Jehovah's Witnesses have been sentenced to prison terms of 12 to 20 years for refusing to bear arms in the general Greek mobilization ordered last July when Turkey invaded Cyprus. Members of the Jehovah's Witness persuasion are pacifists.

CANTERBURY, Eng.—The Prince of Wales, heir to the British throne, will be the president of the trustees of the Canterbury Cathedral Trust Fund, which will begin on Dec. 10 an appeal for funds totalling \$8.4 million for the cathedral.

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul celebrated a special mass with 70 U. S. Catholic bishops during which he stressed the idea of power, for which he used the Greek word, *exousia*, which he interpreted as "the capacity to act and to require the ecclesial, that is, loving, obedience of those to whom this word is directed."

RALEIGH, N. C. — The State of North Carolina will keep a "Motorist's Prayer" on the back of the official highway maps in spite of protests by the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union because of a complaint of a citizen said to be an atheist.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — An attempt to move toward a settlement of a protest over an English textbook said to be anti - Christian hit a snag when a school board member, Mrs. Alice Moore, refused to help name a review committee because she said it would be a waste of time. Mrs. Moore is the wife of a local pastor and one of the original leaders of the protest.

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J. — A proposed amendment to New Jersey's constitution which would authorize casino gambling has drawn opposition from the Coalition of Christian Religious Bodies of New Jersey to Oppose Any Extension of Legalized Gambling.

MOSCOW — A 19 - member delegation of the National Council of Churches in the United States has called for closer, deeper relations between the Christian Churches in the Soviet Union and in America.

NEW YORK — Young People who hold that religion is a "very important value" in life have dropped from 59 per cent five years ago to 39 per cent today, according to a national survey by Daniel Yankelovich, Inc. The "great homogenizing" influence of mass communications" was cited as a factor.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Dr. Harry A. Wolfson, a prominent scholar in the field of comparative religion, died Sept. 19 at the age of 86.

SINGAPORE — A group Protestant leaders has sent a petition to Singapore's prime minister asking him to ban the showing of the film, "Jesus Christ Superstar." The film had been banned by the Singapore film censorship board, but after an appeal by local distributors the decision had been reversed.

OMAHA, Neb. — Nebraska farmers and ranchers are trying to track down helicopter - equipped Satan cultists who are mutilating their cattle.

The Year 5,735 on the Jewish calendar began Sept. 23.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — A request by private and church - related colleges for substantial increases in state aid for their students is reported to have been received coldly by North Carolina state education leaders. It would cost \$9.2 million the first year and \$14.4 the second. The state aid began with \$25 per student three years ago, then went to \$200. The new request is for \$600.

SALT LAKE CITY — The Mormon Church has turned over ownership and operations of its 15 hospitals in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming to a new non - church, non - profit corporation.

WASHINGTON — A call for "swift congressional action" to remove all federal restrictions on state-run lotteries has been made in the Senate by Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre (D-N.H.)

NEW YORK — The United Methodist Church of Angola has asked for legal status for Protestants in Angola as that colony awaits independence from Portugal and has urged that the Roman Catholic Church be stripped of special privileges and is seeking government aid for families of pastors killed in a crackdown on Methodists more than a decade ago.

ATLANTA — The Council on Theology and Culture of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) has announced it will seek ideas and opinions from congregations and individual church members concerning communion before confirmation, demons, exorcism, and the second coming of Christ.

ATLANTA — The Task Force on World Hunger of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) has granted \$102,750 to projects in the United States and overseas that are designated to relieve hunger problems.

Thousands Celebrate Graham Anniversary

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—An estimated 12,000 persons, twice the number which could be accommodated in the 1940 tent at Washington and Hill Streets in Los Angeles, fill the Hollywood Bowl for the opening service of the

25th anniversary celebration of evangelist Billy Graham's first big crusade in Los Angeles—the crusade that brought him fame and an evergrowing audience.—RNS Photo.

25 Years For Billy Graham

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fore the anniversary Graham was honored at a banquet at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Variety Clubs International charity organization presented him its Gold Card Award and its Heart Award. He responded, "I must reserve these awards and present them some day to the One to whom they belong — the Lord I serve."

Among the celebrities at the banquet were UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, singers Pat Boone and Ethel Waters, actress Julie Harris, producer Mike Frankovich, and toastmaster Art Linkletter.

In presenting the Gold Card Award theater owner Sherill Corwin called Graham "the foremost champion of the culture of decency and faith as opposed to the subculture of drug abuse and lawlessness."

Proceeds from the dinner were set aside to purchase 27 vans to be used by the Variety Clubs around the world to transport handicapped children to medical and recreational facilities.

The anniversary celebration of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association was formed to co-

ordinate his crusades. Today the association's U. S. budget alone is about \$20 million per year. The average contribution is \$7.

The association pays the salaries of members of the team. Graham's is \$32,000 per year, and he also receives income from an estate left by his father and royalties from newspaper columns.

The chairman of the anniversary

event was Rev. Lloyd Ogilvie, pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church. Ushers, choir members, counselors and other volunteers were recruited from churches that had previously backed other Graham ministries. All the offerings beyond actual expenses were earmarked for famine relief.

The anniversary services were televised and will be shown later this year.

W. A. CRISWELL TO OBSERVE 30 YEARS AS DALLAS PASTOR

DALLAS (BR)—In October, W. A. Criswell will observe his 30th anniversary as pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) largest church. His ministry at the First Baptist Church here has produced an impressive 9,308 baptisms, 25,139 additions by letter and statement, an increase in budget of over \$3.5 million, and contributions totaling \$50.6 million.

During Criswell's ministry, the church plant has grown from two buildings to 10 buildings, with property valued in excess of \$17 million. Church membership has increased from 8,253 to 17,867.

Although the former SBC president (1969-70) will celebrate his 65th birthday in December, the leadership of the church is trying to convince him to remain in the pastorate at least another five years. They have designated the anniversary Sept. 24 as the beginning of Dr. Criswell's 31st year as pastor.

His public response is limited to: "It is in God's hands."

76 Associations To Meet In October

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Lafayette: 14, Tula; 15, Taylor. Lamar: 21, Hickory Grove; 22, Calvary. Lauderdale: 22, Poplar Springs Drive. Lawrence: 21, Carmel; 22, Crooked Creek. Leake: 24, First, Carthage; 25, Corinth. Lebanon: 15, First, Glendale; 15, Calvary. Lee: 14, East Heights; 15, Palmetto; 15, Mt. Vernon. Leflore: 21, Schlater; 22, Calvary. Lincoln: 24, Friendship; 25, Pleasant Grove. Lowndes: 21, Friendship; 22, Faith. Marion: 7, Shiloh; 8, New Hope. Marshall: 7, Red Banks; 8, Coldwater. Mississippi: 24, New Zion; 25, Centerville.

Monroe: 14, Splunge; 15, First, Aberdeen. Montgomery: 21, Union; 22, N. Wilson. Neshoba: 15, Trinity; 16, Hope. New Choctaw: 4, Mt. Zion; 5, Mt. Zion. Newton: 21, Pinkney; 22, Conehatta. Noxubee: 14, Deerbrook; 15, Deerbrook. Oktibbeha: 14, New Hope; 15, Maiben. Panola: 14, Calvary; 15, Como. Pearl River: 21, Grace Memorial; 22, Grace Memorial. Perry: 22, Richon; 23, Richon. Pike: 24, South McComb; 25, South McComb. Pontotoc: 17, West Heights; 18, Toxish.

Prentiss: 21, Thrasher; 22, Wheel-er. Quitman: 21, First, Marks; 22, Belen. Rankin: 21, First, Florence; 22, Leesburg. Riverside: 14, Tunica; 15, Tunica. Scott: 21, First, Morton; 22, Forest. Sharkey - Issaquena: 14, Straight Bayou; 15, Straight Bayou. Simpson: 21, First, Mendenhall; 22, Bethlehem. Smith: 14, Mt. Pleasant; 15, Ted. Sunflower: 21, Fairview; 22, Eastwood. Sunflower: 21, Fairview; 22, Eastwood. Tallahatchie: 16, First, Charleston; 17, Paynes. Tate: 14, Coldwater; 15, Coldwater.

Tippah: 14, Springdale; 15, Springdale. Tishomingo: 15, New Salem; 16, Belmont, First. Union: 13, Fellowship; 14, Hermanville. Union County: 22, Pleasant Ridge; 23, West Tallahatchie. Walthall: 14, Centerville; 15, Centerville. Warren: 21, Highland; 22, Grace. Washington: 15, Alexander Memorial. Wayne: 21, Buckatunna; 22, Clear Creek. Winston: 14, First, Louisville; 15, Evergreen. Yalobusha: 21, Calvary; 22, Oakland. Yazoo: 24, Central; 25, Central. Zion: 21, First, Eupora; 22, Dorroh's Lake Assn.

Christian Action Commission Holds Meeting, Makes Plans

The semi - annual meeting of the Christian Action Commission was held in Jackson Sept. 24. In the meeting presided over by Rev. Bill Duncan, Picaune, chairman, the 1975 budget was approved and plans were forwarded for a number of projects including a Human Relations Conference for January, special orientation sessions for twenty consultants, thirty - seven associational meetings for February, a spring Single Adult Retreat, and a Christian Sex Education Workshop for June.

The last of a series of Marriage Enrichment Retreats for pastors and other church staff leaders and wives will be held February 27 - March 1 on the Gulf Coast. Attention will then be turned to retreats for lay couples.

The approved 1975 budget totals \$63,656.00 with a Cooperative Program allocation of \$60,000.00, the balance needed to come from designations and literature receipts. Mr. Duncan stated, "This agency of the Convention has yet to be fully funded by the Cooperative Program, although the Commission prefers to serve without the necessity of designated gifts. The calls of Mississippi Baptists upon the

resources of the Commission together with inflationary trends has annually accelerated the budget needs beyond the Cooperative Program allocation.

"The Commission, therefore, has no recourse except designated gifts or to fail to provide services. The designations come largely from personal contributions of Commission members through their churches, but other contributions are received from certain materials provided by the Commission."

Approves Campaign Against Violence

The Commission will correlate an awareness campaign against violence, sponsored and promoted by most of the Baptist Associations of Mississippi, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director. The campaign will be officially launched at the State Convention in November. Presently twenty - seven associations have been committed for the campaign and it is expected that the enlistment effort will have reached almost 100% by Convention time. In many associations certain churches have agreed to sponsor the anti - violence effort for their association.

In correlating and promoting the violence awareness campaign, the Commission will sponsor a dinner meeting Tuesday night, November 12, at 5:00 p.m., with invited guests from each participating association. The two - hundred - guest dinner is being paid for by one of the Commission members, Dr. Harry Hollis, Jr., Director of Special Moral Concerns, Christian Life Commission, S. B. C., will be the dinner speaker. Dr. Hollis is the author of the current book, *The Shoot 'Em Up Society*, which is being distributed as a resource piece in the anti-violence effort.

The awareness campaign will zero in on violence in the movies, on television and in the so-called comic books. "The primary purpose will be to alert parents to an awareness of the influence of violence portrayals and their responsibility to their children concerning the obscenity of violence," Dr. Hensley stated.

The Commission officially recorded appreciation to the several churches and individuals who are helping sponsor this cooperative associational effort.

Pastoral Problems, Solutions Discussed

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interviewed reported they had experienced at some point in their careers a crisis of faith reducing their competence or confidence about their vocation as a minister.

Concerning this crisis, 83 per cent reported they handled it alone rather than seeking the advice or counsel of their church. The study indicated about one-half of the ministers responding felt they had no one with whom they could talk freely about their problems as ministers.

The opinion of the conference participants was that "as a human being, the minister needs ministry just like the church members. The congregation has the responsibility to minister to the needs of the pastor, however, pastors can best minister to other pastors."

The discussion group on "Crisis Points in a Minister's Career" recommended denominational, state convention and associational "minister support systems" to counsel pastors. It was agreed these systems should be composed of both ministers and lay people. This would afford a place for distressed pastors and churches to turn.

Speaking from the "Ex-Pastor," Hensley said there are strong data to indicate that many men have dropped out of the pastorate simply be-

cause they could not endure the long time it took to be placed.

It was brought out in the conference that in informal systems of placement, such as the Southern Baptist Convention employs, pastors are placed according to their effectiveness, successfulness and political contacts. Participants registered disdain for this system citing the first two criteria as hard to evaluate and said the third is not related to a pastor's abilities.

The reports of the "Ministerial Placement" discussion group called for the SBC and state conventions to review the present system to see if there is a better way in getting pastor-less churches and church - less pastors together. The SBC's total system of ministerial placement should be revised, this group stated.

Also, the group called for the appropriate SBC agency to provide literature and guidelines on placement for use on the state and associational levels. The South Carolina Baptist Convention was praised for its placement program called "Church - Minister - Denomination Relationship." They acknowledged that nine other state conventions have such a program and that other state conventions should provide this service.

Various conference participants stated that the contemporary church

is confused about the nature of the pastor's duties and responsibilities. "Neither ministers nor the schools that nurture them are guided today by a clear - cut, generally accepted conception of the office of the ministry," added a Mississippi pastor.

"The first major obstacle a pastor faces when he comes to a new church is a 'cultural shock' in adjusting to his church," added Morgan. "What the pastor sees as his primary tasks may differ from what the congregation feels should be his first and foremost concern. A conflict of interest ensues."

Much of the conflict surrounding the pastor's role has risen out of the lack of communication and interpersonal contact, reported the group on "Role Expectations and Role Conflict." Guidelines and materials should be developed by the SBC to help churches and ministers define their expectations and respective roles so that effective evaluation of individual pastors can be made by church members.

Concerning salaries, it was the consensus of the participants that pastors' salaries tend to be lower than those of the average church member. The present economic conditions tend to intensify this fact. "Many pastors and church staff members are falling further and further behind financially

as inflation soars higher and higher," said George Knight, editor of "Home Life" magazine, representing the group discussing "Financial Support of the Minister."



Dr. Graham Hales, Hattiesburg, is shown addressing the Christian Action Commission in their semi-annual meeting at the Baptist Building Sept. 24th. Pictured, left to right: Gerald Kees, Brookhaven; Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson; Dr. David Owen, Hattiesburg; Rev. Bill Nimmons, Tupelo; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Jackson; Rev. Bill Duncan, chairman, Picaune; Dr. Hales; Dr. John H. Harper, Starkville; Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Hattiesburg; Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive; and Dr. W. W. Walley, Waynesboro. Dr. Fuller Saunders, Houston, attended the meeting but is not shown in the picture.

Missionaries Aid Honduras

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"Calls are coming in from persons wanting to know what they can do to assist in relief efforts," said Bryan. "The Foreign Mission Board stands ready to channel any relief funds received directly to the missionaries in Honduras."

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) also responded to needs in the disaster area, sending \$2,000 from their emergency relief fund, according to Carl W. Tiller, BWA associate secretary.

All Southern Baptist missionaries were reported safe three days after the storm. Foreign Mission Board officials report that 24 missionaries are stationed in Guatemala and 19 in Honduras.

All missionary men in Honduras were helping in relief efforts in San Pedro Sula. Missionary physician W. David Harms offered his services to the government. He began by helping disaster victims waiting to be picked up by government helicopters.

Helicopters from the Panama Canal Zone had been unable to reach Honduras earlier because of the storm, an American Embassy official told Mrs. Harms.

Missionary nurse Frances N. Crawford and missionaries S. Wayne Wheeler and C. Grady Nowell gathered medical supplies but highway traffic had been interrupted by the storm. The road to San Pedro Sula, previously cut off, was finally open, and they were able to get through.

The Bay Islands off the coast of Honduras received much of the effect of the storm, according to A. Clark Scanlon, board field representative for Middle America.

"Only 14 houses are left standing on the Island of Utila," reported Mrs. Harms.

The Guatemalan port town of Puerto Barrios was hard hit with many people from poverty sections forced to evacuate their homes and move to a gymnasium. The Guatemalan government sent earth-moving equipment and relief supplies to the town.

Members of the Guatemalan Baptist Mission held a meeting Sept. 20 to plan help for the victims. Bryan said he was waiting on reports of damage to Baptist churches as well as about the safety of church members.

Baptist Churches Damaged; Aid Continues in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (BP) — Reports from San Pedro Sula and La Ceiba, Honduras, less than a week after the country was hit by Hurricane Fifi, indicated that all Southern Baptist missionaries and Baptist church members in the area are safe and accounted for.

Baptist church buildings suffered mud and water damage, although no major structural damage was reported. Many church members, however,

have sustained heavy property damage to their homes, some losing everything they owned.

Many of the hurricane's victims were temporarily being housed in church buildings. Five food distribution centers and a medical clinic have been set up in Baptist churches in the area. Three Southern Baptist medical missionaries, Dr. W. David Harms and registered nurses Mrs. C. Grady Nowell and Miss Frances Crawford, have been helping with medical needs.

In San Pedro Sula, a tree fell on the home of missionary Joe W. Bruce, but the family was not injured. Winds and rain also damaged Second Baptist Church there.

Five tons of medical supplies have been arriving daily through the Medical Assistance Program (MAP), a voluntary, international Christian organization that sends help to missionary physicians. These include supplies bought with \$5,000 of emergency relief funds from the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Harms has been coordinating the MAP effort in the country.

Dry milk, canned food and carpenter's tools are the greatest current needs, according to missionary S. Wayne Wheeler. Dry milk must be purchased in the United States. MAP will fly it in. Supplies have been arriving in Tegucigalpa, the nation's capital, because it has the only open airstrip.

To meet immediate needs, missionaries were working with the military providing plastic bags of food to drop to victims. Many were still on rooftops several days after the storm. Scanlon said people on rooftops were battling with snakes that also sought refuge from the water.

By John Rutledge

FORT WORTH (BP) — Hoyt Roberts was in the right place when Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras September 19.

If he had been working at his usual job as a field evangelist in La Ceiba, he would have been cut off without supplies or any way to help the refugees left homeless by the disaster.

"But Roberts was in Fort Worth on furlough and became a ham radio link between the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., and the missionaries in Honduras."

"As soon as I heard the hurricane had struck I got in touch with several ham operators in Fort Worth," Roberts said. "The first day I spent three hours listening on a phone patch. I had daily contact with hams in Honduras and received information about Baptist families."

He and his wife, Louise, left Honduras in June to go to Fort Worth where he is auditing some courses at

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

One day, he went to his missions class, despite oral surgery the day before, to give a report on conditions in Honduras. He then continued his daily contact with the ham operators, this time on a station in the SBC's Radio and Television Commission.

He has praise for the amateur radio operators, called "hams," who were helping coordinate relief operations in the United States and Honduras.

"I knew the condition of our missionaries in La Ceiba even before our people in Tegucigalpa (the capital)," he said, "all because of ham operators."

Roberts explained that most of the damage and deaths were caused by flood waters and 14-foot tides pushed inland by the hurricane.

"There was no loss of life in our church. In La Ceiba all 15 Baptist families have been evacuated," he said.

C. Grady Nowell, missionary in San Pedro Sula, broke into the static on the radio and reported they were distributing relief food in the area.

Then an urgent message came from Hawaii. Someone wanted to know the conditions in Tela, a coastal town near the hardest hit area.

The Honduran operator replied: "There's still not too much out of Tela. There's a lot of damage but no casualties, as far as I know. There are no telephones and communications are very bad."

Roberts came back on: "Have telephones been restored in San Pedro Sula?"

"No."

"Have you seen Leslie (Baptist Missionary Leslie Keyes)?" he asked. "They are going to go to El Progreso with Dr. Harms," the operator said, and explained that Dr. W. David Harms, Baptist missionary in Tegucigalpa, had transmitted a list of medical supplies he needed to someone in Chicago with the medical assistance program.

Roberts asked if the death toll estimate of 7,500 was accurate, and the operator verified.

"The death toll may go beyond the estimate. It's difficult to estimate that until the water goes down and the rural people are accounted for."

In a later conversation with Nowell's wife, Betty, Roberts learned that Dr. Harms delivered a baby in the airport and that a medical clinic had been established in El Progreso in the home of a church member.

The Honduran government, she said, was asking that no more doctors enter the country. They had more doctors than they could supply with medical facilities.



Honor Plaque Nine Years

Each fall the Blue Mountain College president presents the Society Honor Plaque to one of the school's three societies — Eunomian, Euzelian, or Modenian, whose members have attained the highest grade point average with the most quality points in their academic courses of the previous year. For the ninth consecutive year, Dr. Harold Fisher has presented the plaque to the president of the Modenian Society. Left, is Linda Nolan Hill of New Albany, who accepts the plaque for her society, named in honor of "Mother" Berry, co-founder of the college.

Missionary Loses Father Sept. 26

Harry D. Williams, Sr., 67, died Sept. 26 in a Jackson hospital following a two and one half month illness.

Mr. Williams was the father of Rev. Glen T. Williams, superintendent of missions in Pike Association and president of the Mississippi Conference of Superintendents of Missions.

A native of Tennessee, and a 25-year resident of Jackson, Mr. Williams was an active deacon in Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson where he had served in a number of places of leadership. He retired from active employment one and one-half years ago.

Memorial services were held from Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson on September 28 with Rev. Byron Malone, pastor of Daniel Memorial, officiating.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Harry D. Williams, Jackson; two sons, Rev. Glen T. Williams, McComb and Rev. Harry D. Williams, Jr., Fresno, California; two daughters, Mrs. Bill Jobe, Cushing, Oklahoma and Mrs. Johnny Wharton, Jackson; one sister, and twelve grandchildren.

JURBISE, Belgium — A French-language Sunday School class has begun for children at International Baptist Church here. The class came after six children participated in what is usually an all English-language Vacation Bible School. A total of 95 were enrolled in the school, most of them from the local military community. The church already has a French-language class for adults.

New Baptist Press Bureau Scheduled At Memphis

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will become the sixth bureau in the newsgathering network of Baptist Press news service, Oct. 1, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee here.

The Memphis-based operation will "add an important dimension to coverage of Baptist Press in reporting the widespread involvement of laymen in Baptist life," said W. C. Fields, Nashville, director of Baptist Press.

'Singing Churchwomen Of Mississippi' To Be Organized

The Church Music Department has announced plans for the organization of the "Singing Churchwomen of Mississippi."

This group of ladies will be made up of wives of ministers of music in the state, female ministers of music, music assistants, music secretaries and accompanists. The Singing Churchwomen will be a sister organization to the already established Singing Churchmen, and will function in much the same manner.

The group will meet for extended rehearsals in Jackson and group rehearsals in various parts of the state. Target date for the first performance for this group will be in November, at the State Convention. A nucleus group in Jackson and the surrounding areas has been contacted for the first rehearsal on October 22 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Baptist Building.

Anyone in the state who is interested in this group is encouraged to join the ladies for this rehearsal. More information may be obtained by writing the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, or telephoning 1-354-3704, Ext. 266.

The group will be under the direction of Mrs. Nan Grantham, consultant in the Church Music Department.



Clarke College Board of Trustees present for fall meeting, September 17. Top Row, L to R: Dr. M. L. Flynt, Meridian; W. W. Brunson, Tupelo; W. H. Gallaspy, Greenwood; Dr. James Booth, Eupora, chairman. Second Row, L to R: Ruben Cleveland, Union, Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton, Earl Cockrell, Tupelo, Attorney J. Kearney Dossett, Jackson; Rev. Lucius B. Marion, Clarksdale.

Clarke Trustees Meet

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sent in the joint meeting were Mrs. Kenneth Alfred, Heidelberg, Mrs. Frank Fair, Louisville; Mrs. J. F. Ford, Jr., Newton, Mrs. Leo Hester, Quitman, Roy Kuykendall, Newton, Mrs. Reuben Lott, Laurel, W. A. McClendon, Newton, Mrs. A. J. McIlwain, Jackson, Mrs. Ella J. Milam,

Batesville, and Mrs. B. F. Mott, Newton.

Other guests on campus in connection with the joint meeting of Trustees and Development Council members were Mrs. Earl Cockrell, Tupelo, Mrs. Nancy Walters, Laurel, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sanderson, Laurel, and Rev. Billy McDaniel, Batesville.

Olin Binkley Study Director

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name change matter, Daley commented.

The name change study will make extensive use of at least three opinion polls. One of these is a professional and scientific poll to be conducted by the Sunday School Board.

A second is a poll of Baptist state paper readers. A uniform ballot is being prepared to be offered for use in one issue of the papers. Any reader could use the ballot to register opinion on a new name change and send it directly to the study committee, Daley added.

Still another poll is planned, he said, to be used only in pioneer areas (areas of the country where SBC work is new) of Southern Baptists. "The committee feels these areas would be mostly affected by the convention name and they should receive special consideration in the study," Daley said.

In the meantime, he said, all Southern Baptists can express their opinions in writing on both these matters by writing C. R. Daley, Box 43401, Middleton, Ky., 40243, or to any other

committee member. Other members are: Mrs. Alma Hunt, 600 N. 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala., 35203; Herschel H. Hobbs, 1202 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73103; W. A. Criswell, 1707 San Jacinto, Dallas, Tex., 75201; Harold C. Bennett, 3636 Cathedral Oaks Place, Jacksonville, Fla., 32201; and Daniel R. Grant, 1049 N. Phelps Circle, Arkadelphia, Ark., 71923.

'Night song' Features Centurymen

The Centurymen, singing group composed of ministers of music from various Southern Baptist churches, was created by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission to provide background music for religious broadcasts.

The Centurymen are featured three nights a week on "Night song" which is syndicated on 27 radio stations across the country. In addition, the group is heard on several albums and makes numerous personal appearances.

Baylor Meet

Set For New Orleans

WACO, Tex. — A meeting to bring together Mississippi and Louisiana friends of Baylor University has been set for Oct. 4 in New Orleans.

Baylor exes, parents of Baylor students from Mississippi and Louisiana, prospective students and others interested in Baylor are invited to attend the 7:15 p.m. dinner-meeting at the Marriott Hotel at Canal and Chartres Streets in New Orleans.

Reservations need not be made by those attending only the program portion of the meeting.

Laymen's Music

Retreat Will Be Held At Garaywa

A statewide Baptist Laymen's Music Retreat will be held at Camp Garaywa Oct. 11-12, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Music Department, sponsor.

Mr. Hall said it would be "a New Fashioned Gospel Sing for Laymen" and that its purpose would be "to initiate a greater involvement of laymen in music for Christ."

Among men enlisted as lay-song leaders for congregational singing are Dallas Rayburn, Hattiesburg; Al Doty, Jackson, and Richard Sullivan, Tupelo.

Guest lay-speaker will be Gene Triggs, Yazoo City.

One of the recreational highlights will be a catfish supper, to be held at 6 p.m. Friday. The retreat will open from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday with registration and recreation.

The program will continue until 10:30 p.m. Friday and be resumed Saturday morning. Adjournment will take place at 12:15 p.m. Saturday. Various lay singing groups are expected to perform during the retreat.

Dixon To Conduct Church Training Workshop For Youth Leadership

Tommy Dixon, pictured, consultant in the youth section, Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, SBC, will conduct a two-night workshop for selected youth and the adults who work with them in Church Training.

The workshop, sponsored by the Mississippi Church Training Department, is scheduled to take place by Broadmoor Church, Jackson on October 14 and 15. Hours of the training session are 7 to 9 each evening.

The workshop will be a "first of its kind." It will be the initial effort to bring youth and adults together to plan and work toward improvement of youth Church Training groups.

Adults who attend the workshop should bring 2 or 3 young people with them if possible.

Miss Mary Allen, Youth consultant for the Tennessee Church Training Department, will assist Mr. Dixon in conducting the workshop. Prior to going to the Sunday School Board, Dixon was a consultant in the Church Training Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He holds degrees from Samford University and Southwestern Seminary. Miss Allen is also a graduate of Southwestern.

The emphasis of the sessions will be on planning studies that will capture the interest of youth and developing leadership skills.

LERIDA, Spain — The Lerida Baptist Church here recently had the official inauguration of their new building. The church outgrew its former location and is completing the new building as funds are available. The auditorium is still unfinished so the church meets in a second-floor assembly room.

Names In The News

Dr. Brian Harbour, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, has been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of *Outstanding Young Men in America*. Since coming to the church two years ago, Dr. Harbour has led the church in a period of growth in which about 550 new members have been added to the church and the staff has increased from one to four full-time members.

Bill Adams has been licensed to the full gospel ministry by Beacon Church, Hattiesburg. Enrolled at William Carey College, Mr. Adams is married and has three daughters. Available for supply and pastoral preaching, he may be contacted in care of Beacon Baptist Church, Route 9, Box 56, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401.

On September 15, 1974, Beacon Church, Hattiesburg honored their pastor, Rev. Frank Shields, on the occasion of his first year as their pastor.

Rev. Don Nerren, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nerren, Jr. of Tupelo, has been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*. Mr. Nerren is the pastor of First Church, Sumrall and is married to the former Linda Sue Cathen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Cathen of Collins. They have one daughter. Mr. Nerren is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Michael Allen Corley, pictured was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Lebanon Church of Seminary. Mike is a 23-year-old veteran currently attending Jones County Junior College where he has been an active leader in BSU work since last year. Available for supply pulpits, he may be contacted at the college in Ellisville or through Rev. Troy Pearson, pastor, Lebanon Baptist Church, Route 1, Seminary, Ms.

Rev. V. Daniel West has been selected for inclusion in the biographical compilation, *Outstanding Young Men of America*. Mr. West is superintendent of missions for Simpson County Baptist Association. A native of Jackson, he is married to the former Rachel Ward. They have three children. Mr. West is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Before becoming associational missionary, he was pastor of Goodwater Church in Simpson County.

Glenn Davis was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Paul Truitt Memorial Church of Pearl on Sunday, September 15. Mr. Davis has served the church for the past year as minister of music and youth. He has earned the bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Mississippi College and has attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Native of Houston, Ms., he has served churches in Mississippi and Texas. He is married to the former Carol Carlisle of Greenwood. They have one son, Chris.



Dr. Lewis Nobles (right), president of Mississippi College, is always anxious to provide a personal welcome to new students at the college and to visit with their parents. Being welcomed here are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wood (left) and son Gary of Jackson along with Dr. and Mrs. David Grant and son David. Dr. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church in Jackson and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has seen all three of his children attend Mississippi College. He is a former member of the college's Board of Trustees. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampy)

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Cooperative Program Jubilee—1975

The year 1975 will be the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. In coming weeks and months we shall be saying much concerning it, especially after the year begins on January 1.

Plans for the year already are under way. For Mississippi, much of the program was set by the State Convention Board last week, in the adoption of the proposed 1975 Cooperative Program budget which will be considered by the annual convention in November. This budget proposes the greatest advances in missions, education and other areas of their work, which Mississippi Baptist churches ever have been asked to attempt to achieve.

The budget, and other actions which are being taken concerning the convention work, give promise of making 1975 a challenging and rewarding year.

Under the leadership of Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention board, some changes in organization are being effected, new

goals are being adopted, and the largest financial program in Mississippi Baptist history is being undertaken.

The total, overall giving goal for Mississippi for 1975 is \$8,850,000. This includes the Cooperative Program world mission budget of \$6,600,000, the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission offering goal of \$1,400,000, the Annie Armstrong Home Mission goal of \$600,000 and the State Mission offering goal of \$250,000.

This is a tremendous mission program, calls for the best that is in each Mississippi Baptist, and for the best from the churches, but it is not an impossible goal. The Cooperative Program is an advance of \$1,100,000 over the present year's budget, and the other goals represent only reasonable advance over what was done this year.

Mississippi Baptists are achieving outstanding records in missionary giving. The proposed program of the new year, simply demands that they do even better. It can be done, and it

should be an exciting and victorious year as the churches accomplish the tasks which the Lord is laying upon their hearts to set for themselves.

October is Cooperative Program month on the denominational calendar. It is a time of thinking not only of mission giving for the present year, but also of mission budget percentages for the coming year.

The Cooperative Program is missions. Through forty-nine years of use by Southern Baptists it has enabled them to develop and maintain one of the greatest missionary programs of Christian history. It will continue to help them and Mississippi Baptists as they seek to make 1975 their greatest year of advance for the Lord.

Read The Bible Through

The Sunday School Board is promoting a program of "Reading the Bible Through" in the 12 month period beginning October 1, 1974. This means that by September 30, 1975, hundreds of thousands of Southern Baptists can have read the Bible through in one year, if they simply follow the schedule.

The plan was designed by the Sunday School Department of the Board to be implemented through churches and church leaders.

Outlines for daily reading appear in 22 Sunday school periodicals, in the devotional magazines *Open Windows* and *encounter*, and in *Home Life* magazine. Several promotional items have been prepared. Numerous churches in the state have entered into the plan and are promoting it among their members.

However, whether your church is promoting it or not, you can join in the reading if you wish. Here is the schedule by months for the next three months. In October read through Genesis and Matthew in November read Exodus and Leviticus and Mark 1-10; in December read Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Mark 11 through Luke 4.

This schedule carries you one fourth of the way through the Bible. We shall give the next three months schedule in December.

Thousands of Mississippi Baptists can read the Bible through in the next 12 months if they try.

"He That Is Without Sin..."

An experience in the ministry of Jesus has seemed most appropriate in recent days. It is a familiar story.

A woman was dragged before Jesus accused of committing adultery. Her accusers were ready to carry out the Mosaic command to stone her to death.

As an effort to trap Jesus, the accusers asked him whether they should carry out Moses' command. If he answered "No," they would accuse him of disobeying the law. If he answered "Yes," he would not be showing mercy and forgiveness. It seemed a perfect snare in which to catch him.

Our Lord amazed them with his action.

He neither denied nor excused the guilt of the woman.

He did not challenge or question the legality of their purpose to stone her to death.

He made no plea for the crowd to forgive or overlook her act.

He did not ask the woman to admit her guilt, or to ask for forgiveness.

The Bible says that he simply knelt down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

What did he write? We do not know, for the Bible does not tell us. Conjecture says that perhaps he began to list other laws of the ten commandments, but there is nothing to confirm this.

He acted as if he did not hear the clamoring crowd, who even as he wrote, continued to press their question concerning whether she should be stoned.

Jesus arose and said, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

Then Jesus knelt and again began writing. The Bible says that the men in the crowd began to be "convicted by their own conscience" and went out one by one. Soon not one was left. Jesus was left alone with the woman.

He said unto her, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?"

She said, "No man, Lord." And Jesus said unto her, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Do some people in America, perhaps many, need to meditate on this experience today?

I think so!

NEWEST BOOKS

EXPERIENTIAL BIBLE STUDY by John W. Drakeford (Broadman, paper, 135 pp.). This book tells how to start and to lead an experiential Bible study.

offers 20 actual programs for Bible study. Whatever version the group may use, the emphasis is not on history, customs, or original languages; it focuses on personal experience. It encourages group members to share experiences related to the passage being studied and concludes with asking how the Spirit can use these insights to change personal attitudes and actions. Dr. Drakeford, a native of Australia, has for 20 years been a teacher at Southwestern Seminary.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S PERSONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM STUDY GUIDE compiled by Lucy Hoskins (Convention Press, 56 pp.). This study guide is the second of a three-part plan to help secretaries sharpen their skills and improved their performance. The first was a book — *Church Secretary: Girl Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday*. The third phase of the plan is certification on two levels of performance, basic and advanced. This study guide treats eight subject areas church secretaries deal with: the nature of the church, the role of the secretary, personal development, church finance, work organization and management, church records, communication, and mechanical skills.

TOUCH LIFE by Billie Pate (Broadman, paper, \$1.95, layout and graphics by Mancil Essel). A book of poetry, warmly written, this is a little book that should be widely read. Says the writer, "To touch life is to risk, to reach out, to encounter, and to meet persons at the point of their deepest need. — I got the idea about touching life from Jesus of Nazareth."

MUSIC PROGRAM PLANBOOK 1974-75 (Convention Press, paper, 80 pp., \$2). This plan book, in looseleaf format, is designed to be used by music directors, age-division choir directors, the Church Music Council, and any other music planning group. The basic resource in planning an annual program, it is for use in small and large churches.

AGAPE: CHRISTIAN LIFE STYLE, edited by Martha Jo Glazner (Convention Press, Church Study Course). What makes a Christian life-style unique? With the help of this Youth Church Training kit (worship service guide, posters, filmstrip, recording, and picture of the last Supper), lead youth to experience the true meaning of Christian love and to see possibilities for its application day by day.

LONELINESS: SEARCH FOR PRESENCE edited by Hugh Wilkey (Convention Press, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95).

Loneliness and how to cope with it. Wilkey offers materials and books that can be used in all educational programs of the church arranged by Sundays and by age groups, plus suggestions for Vacation Bible School and Weekday Bible Study.

BROADMAN CHURCH RESOURCE GUIDE, 1974-75 (Broadman, paper, 38 pp.). Audiovisual materials and books that can be used in all educational programs of the church arranged by Sundays and by age groups, plus suggestions for Vacation Bible School and Weekday Bible Study.

YOUR GUIDE TO GROUP EXPERIENCE by Samuel Southard (Abingdon, paper, \$2.95, 144 pp.). This is a handbook for the lay person who wants to know more about group therapy. It answers questions such as: What is a group experience? How do we begin? What happens when I fail? Can I make disclosures with composure? Can I make a good decision? What can I depend on? The author is a member of the staff of the Georgia Mental Health Institute.

ALL TOGETHER: CHRISTIAN PERSONALITY IN FOCUS by Frank L. Moore (Convention Press, paper, 128 pp., Church Study Course). Dr. Moore, a Texas pastor, points out many of the pressures exerted on young people and applies Biblical insight to situations that youth face daily. As the father of sons, 17 and 14, he writes for teen-agers, with warmth, compassion, and a sense of humor.

THE POWER OF POSITIVE SHARING by Virginia Whitman (Tyndale House, paper, 137 pp., \$1.45). Whether describing a skunk in the basement, fishing, or guests for dinner, this professional-writer (19 books) encourages the reader to look for the meaningful in the ordinary experiences of life.

JOHN NEWTON by Dr. William Deal (Good News Publishers, paper, 95 cents, 80 pp.).

A One Evening condensed version of the life of John Newton — writer of the song, "Amazing Grace." On his tombstone are the words: "Clerk, Once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was by the rich mercy of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith which he had long labored to destroy." Out of life's deepest experiences was born the well-loved song, "Amazing Grace."

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? by D. M. Bailey (Broadman, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95).

DOMINION OVER DEMONS by H. A. Maxwell Whyte (Whitaker House, paper \$5c). Demons and their work, and how to have dominion over them.

EXPOSITORY PREACHING: PLANS AND METHODS by F. B. Myer (Baker, paper, \$1.95). Reprint of a classic on preaching by one of the great preachers of the last century and the first part of this. This is a plea for great Bible preaching.

125 CROWD BREAKERS by Clayton Bauman (Regal, paper, \$1.25). Games and stunts to be used at Youth parties.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL by D. James Kennedy (Regal, 92 pp., paper, \$1.25). The famed Florida Presbyterian pastor and evangelism leader writes on how God speaks to Christians through his Word, and through prayer.

100 BETTER IDEAS FOR CHILDREN'S WORKERS by Betty B. Robertson (Baker, paper, \$1.50). Ideas for use for Bible teachers of children.

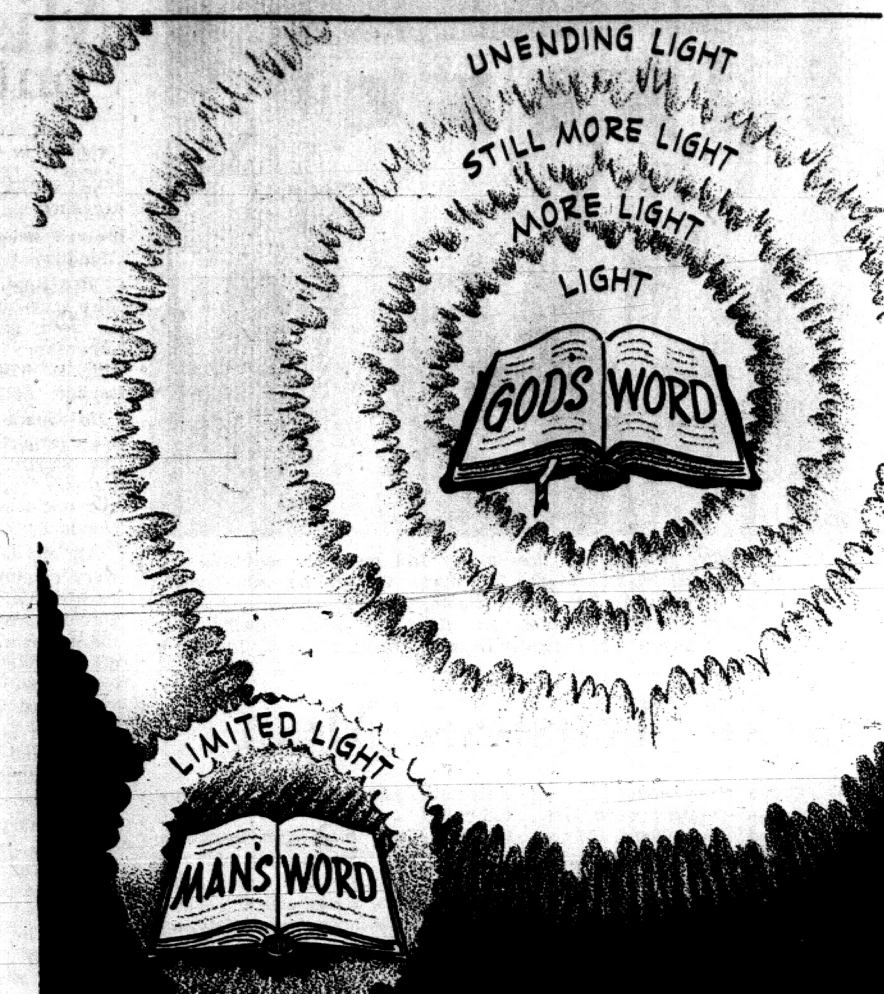
RELIGION IN SHREDS by C. Brandon Rimmer (Creation House, paper, \$1.25). Problems of Christian faith and experience frankly faced and discussed by one who grew up in the framework of a rigid Christian experience, and found problems.

IS THIS THE FACE OF THE LORD by Peter M. Rinaldi (Warner, paper, \$1.25). A study of the question of whether the shroud possessed by the Catholic cathedral in Turin, Italy is the actual shroud of Christ, as they claim it to be.

THE SANCITY OF SEX by Stephen F. Alford and Frank A. Lawes (Spire, paper, 128 pp., 95c). A look at sex from the Christian point of view. Written for young men and women contemplating engagement and marriage.

AS GOD INTENDED by Lynn Stephens (Baptist Publications Committee, paper, 163 pp., \$1.25). Four sermons on marriage, home life, and child parent relationships, all interpreted on basis of Biblical teachings.

TRUE STORIES FROM SPIRE CHRISTIAN COMICS (Spire, 95c). Paperback reprint of three cartoon books which originally appeared in comic book form. The books are *The Cross and the Switchblade*, *God's Smuggler* and *The Hiding Place*.



That We Might Consult Them Both

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Commends Editorial On "Creedal People"

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have just read your editorial, "Not a Creedal People." I agree with you wholeheartedly and commend you on it. You answer perfectly those people who are all the time using the fact that we are not a creedal people to take us away from our basic biblical faith.

God bless you, and know that you have the prayers and appreciation of many of us who fight the battle in the local churches.

Bill Bennett, pastor
FBC
Ft. Smith, Ark.

On The MORAL SCENE...

PRUDENCE OR ETHICS — Earlier this year Alan Otten, a Wall Street Journal columnist, reported on a series of student sessions on ethics and deceit in government, conducted by two professors — Lance Liebman and Graham Allison — at the Harvard Law School. The unhappy conclusion was that these students, products of the best schools and colleges, still — after Watergate — looked at the world "essentially in cost-benefit terms." Is it good policy? What are the chances of getting caught? Prudence, rather than ethics, remains their guide. *Saturday Review/World*, September 14, 1974.

FOOD COSTS AND THE ELDERLY — "The skyrocketing cost of food left retired couples with about a 10 percent higher cost of living in 1973 than in 1972, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. However, the BLS figures for a hypothetical retired couple are based on a survey of 39 cities in October 1973 — and the overall Consumer Price Index had gone up 8.6 percent between then and July 1974, the bureau pointed out. The price of food for the elderly far outstripped all other costs in the year between October 1972 and October 1973. Food costs were up 19.5 percent for the lowest budget, 20.4 percent for the intermediate and 20.1 percent for the highest." *AFL-CIO News*, August 31, 1974.

IS VIOLENCE NECESSARY? — "Leading psychiatrists and psychologists, in a Methodist study of violence, recently pointed out that: —Conflict, not violence, is what provides the suspense in drama. —Most people lack alternate models, hence accept the idea that violence is a normal response to conflict, thus the majority of Americans support the idea of violence but are disturbed by it. —Many think being violent is proof of being adult — when actually the violent person is often childish. —Violent people usually have little verbal skill, substituting violence for ability to express their ideas. —TV is much at fault for it teaches that violence is a good way to deal with conflict. In prime TV drama, 80 percent of the solutions dramatize violence as acceptable. —Striking another person motivates the striker to strike again and harder, hence is not a good catharsis. —The really strong are rarely violent;



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It really isn't important that a person have the last word, but it is important what the last words are.

Bereaved ones cherish last words, remembering, "That's the last thing he said to me." Meaningful ceremonies contain important last words. What could be of more importance than, "I pronounce that they are man and wife. What God hath joined together let not man put asunder?"

Parents, lamenting the consequences of a child's disobedience, say, "The last thing I told him was..." Husbands and wives find themselves with broken hearts and threatened marriages because they allowed an argument to progress to last words of "unforgettable harshness."

On a happier note, the last words in such events as prize fights and beauty contests signify victory, "The winner!" A good night's sleep is likely to follow in homes where the last words at night are words like, "I love you — I hope you sleep well — call me if you need me."

Safety people insist that drivers are less likely to cause wrecks when the last words they speak and hear before leaving home are kind, pleasant words.

Whether or not happy, may or may not...

...have a chance to speak his words, knowing they'll be heard with human dignity on both sides. Human dignity means that a person may feel himself to have value enough that he is not apologetic for himself and insecure about himself, that what he can think, speak, and do within his abilities will be acceptable and will make him accepted.

Many famous people are remembered for their last words. Among the most life-changing, are some which an agonizing voice spoke many years ago. "It is finished." Those were the words. The speaker was Jesus. His mission in life had been to die. The breath He would soon draw would finish his life.

His last words might have been, "Father, I cannot finish this. Send angels to loose me from the cross." But they weren't. They were the words He knew from before the beginning of time that He would one day say, "It is finished."

I cannot understand it all, nor can I prove it. But I have felt the Presence of God in my life often enough to know it is true.

Last words—be careful about them. They rarely are last words—they seem to keep coming to our minds.—P.O. Box 9151, Jackson, 39206.

violence tends to arise out of a sense of powerlessness. —Violence is contagious, each act of violence permitting additional acts of violence by both perpetrator and victim." *Between the Lines*, Sept. 1, 1974

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Southwest Africa To USA; Journey Ends At College

CLINTON, Miss. — It was about seven years ago that Dewi Williams preached his first sermon to five people in Windhoek, Southwest Africa.

Now he has come with his family to Mississippi College to study for the ministry, but the story goes back further than his first sermon. It goes back to Rhodesia where Williams met his wife Felicity.

He wasn't a Christian and Felicity was. At her request, her home church in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, prayed for him.

When Williams accepted Christ everyone "rejoiced" and later the two were married. Their honeymoon was a 2,000 mile trip by car to their new home in Southwest Africa.

Williams soon began his work as a land surveyor and town planner. They found a small group of Christians and began to meet. It was here, two months after arriving in Windhoek, that he preached that sermon.

The Williamses have been married seven years now and have three sons, Gareth, 5; Aaron, 3; and Duane, 1.

Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Whitson came to assume leadership responsibilities in the church. According to Williams the small church "really grew" and in 1972 Williams was ordained as a

deacon in the church.

Two years ago Williams decided to give up his profession to become a minister. He began writing to colleges in the United States. The Bible school in Southwest Africa offers only a certificate, not a degree, and Williams wanted a degree so he could become a missionary himself. Although accepted for admission at several colleges, he couldn't get a visa. This didn't stop him. He wrote to

seminaries about extension programs, hoping to earn his degree at home. Getting a degree by extension would take a long time. Williams felt that "the Lord wanted me to start writing colleges again." This time he was accepted and his visa granted.

A month later the Williamses packed their belongings and began a second journey, this time of several thousand miles. They stopped in Richmond, Va., among other places, to

see the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters there, feeling the board, through the Whitsons, had played a big part in their decision to come.

Williams will study for the ministry at Mississippi College, then at a seminary here in the States. His wife will study to be a nurse.

Together they will return to Africa. This time, hopefully, as missionaries.

Bussing And TV Are The Keys To '100 Largest' Sunday School Growth

Wheaton, Ill. — Bussing and television are probably the two key denominators that unite the 100 largest Sunday Schools in the United States, according to the seventh annual *Christian Life Magazine* Sunday School survey.

Besides the magazine's annual list of the 100 largest schools, which will appear in October, the authoritative evangelical magazine will reveal the nation's fifty fastest growing Sunday Schools in November.

Among the many trends discussed in the October issue by Sunday School

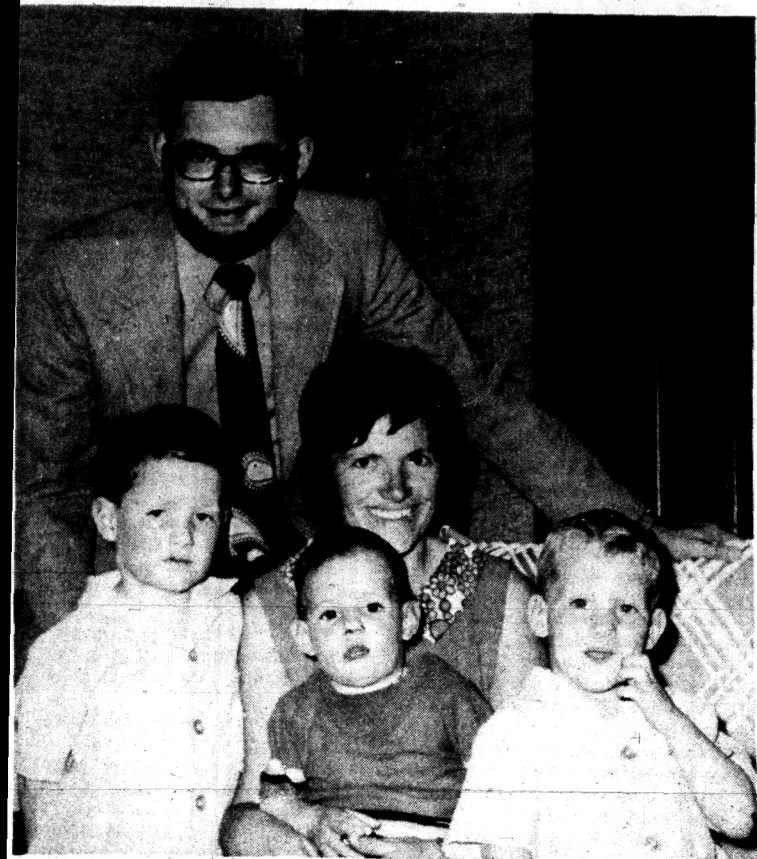
editor Elmer Towns, is the growing disillusionment with bussing and a new emphasis on evangelism. The big Sunday Schools are beginning to view their role more as an evangelistic outreach than simply as the traditional Christian education.

While virtually all the "super churches" (as Towns refers to the sponsors of the Sunday Schools) do have big bussing programs to pick up students, there is growing disenchantment with this method of Sunday School growth. Buses are being seen as "just another tool" now rather

than a quick panacea to boost sagging attendance.

"Most have a television ministry," says Towns, and sponsor weekly telecasts of their services or run commercials. Radio, newspapers and direct mail advertising are frequently used media as well, says Towns.

Virtually all the big churches are Baptist or Pentecostal, and adhere to a strict Biblical Theology. Towns thinks that future church growth is going to center on the Nazarene, Free Will Baptist, Church of God and Assembly of God denominations.



SOUTHWEST AFRICA TO USA—Mr. and Mrs. Dewi Williams and children (l to r) Gareth, 5; Duane, 1; and Aaron, 3, have finally arrived at their college destination after two years of waiting. Williams will attend Mississippi College and his wife plans to enroll in a nursing school. Mr. and Mrs. Williams hope to return to Africa as missionaries. (Photo by Ruth Fowler).

Retired Musician Is Mother Of Four Ministers Of Music And Grandmother Of Another

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

In 1874, a hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," was the song hit of the year. That same year Webster County, Mississippi, was formed from parts of four other counties. It was first named Sumner, but in 1882 the name was changed to Webster in honor of a great Yankee senator, Daniel Webster.

When Webster County celebrated Centennial Week this summer, Billy Skelton in the *Clarion-Ledger* mentioned some of the county's notable products, including a state governor, a Miss America finalist, an All-American football player, a novelist, a university president, a backwoods poet, a world champion tobacco spitter, and a master of crewe embroidery. In Eupora lives a musician who ought to be added to the list of Webster County's notables.

Mrs. Lee Wesley Harpole (Minnie) Mae Gwin is the second generation of a family, now stretched to the fifth generation, of church musicians. Probably no family in the state has done more to improve the quality of music in the Baptist churches of Mississippi. Eupora, the largest town in Web-

ster County.

In her family there are five ministers of music — four daughters and one granddaughter. One great-granddaughter is a church pianist. Seven other of her nine grandchildren are active in church music as soloists, organists, pianists, and in choirs. Eight of her nine great-grandchildren are singing in church choirs. In August of 1963, four generations of this family gathered at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly for Adult Music Week.

Minnie Mae Gwin Harpole is a genuine Webster County product, having been born there on May 18, 1885—only eleven years after the county was formed and only three years after it was named for Daniel Webster. Though she was born on her father's cotton plantation at Old Cumberland, she moved when she was ten or 12 with her family to Eupora.

As a child, she received her first musical training from her father, W. Tom Gwin, a pioneer singer in his section of the state, and the patriarch of this extraordinarily talented and dedicated family of Baptist mu-

organized the Webster County Sacred Harp Singing Convention. Then he organized the Mississippi State Singing Convention in 1929 and served as president of both conventions until his death.

"My father played the fiddle for dances until he became a Christian at 21," says Mrs. Harpole. "Then he began teaching the old Reed Organ and Saved Harp Singing Schools all over the country, and did that for the rest of his life. He would load his portable organ into the back of the buggy and take it with him to the singing schools."

She continued, "He loved to dabble in politics and for 12 years was Webster County tax assessor. He would ride a horse around to various farms to assess the taxes on the property."

One time long ago, he remembers, when her family returned home from church, one Sunday, her father made an important announcement: "I just don't want to go to church next week if they are going to sing those fast newfangled songs like 'Love Lifted Me.'"

In those days, early 1900's and before, she says there were no pianos in the churches. "We didn't think that piano music would go well with hymn singing, as some people until recent years did not think that guitars should be an accompaniment to singing in church. Later, when some churches did buy pianos, you might play the offertory on the piano, but you wouldn't dare sing 'Amazing Grace' to piano accompaniment. You would sing that with the organ."

Minnie Mae Gwin and Lee Wesley Harpole were married on May 28, 1905, at her parents' home in Eupora. Her mother had been ill and they chose to be married at home so she could be present.

So many guests came for the wedding that they filled the house and the whole hillside in front of it. When time came for the ceremony, Preacher Phelps insisted, "You will just have to go to the porch to be married. Do you want to disappoint all these people who have been waiting outside?"

"But the decorations are in the living room," the bride began to protest.

"Oh, the guests can all go in to see the decorations later!" The preach-



Mrs. L. W. Harpole was active in the music program of First Church, Eupora, for 63 years until her retirement at age 81. Four of her daughters and one granddaughter are or have been ministers of music. Another daughter was church pianist. One of her sisters was organist at First, Greenwood for over 30 years. Her father and two other men organized the Mississippi Sacred Harp Singing Convention.

Now 89, Mrs. Harpole has served 63 active years as musician in First Baptist Church of Eupora. For the last seven of those years she was choir coordinator while her daughter, Mrs. H. K. Curry, was choir director. She retired from active service in the church music program in 1966, at 81. Since she was baptized at age 16 in White's Creek, she has been a member of only one church. Around 1903 she began playing the organ there. Then around 1922, she became



Chuck Clayton, pastor-director of Greater Tahoe Ministries, uses camping and backpacking to "communicate the adventure of the Christ life" to the young men and women who participate in his "Christian High Adventure" mountain expeditions.



Missionary Chuck Clayton is adept at several mountain climbing skills—belaying, rope handling, bouldering—but cooking is his specialty. "Fried meat pies, spaghetti... we even fix German chocolate cakes, if you can believe that." Here Clayton begins a batch of granola.

Home Missionary Leads Youngs In 'Christian High Adventure'

By Elaine Furlow

LAKE TAHOE, Nev. — Missionary Chuck Clayton talks to people about God in some most unchurch-like settings.

er had his way, and they were married on the porch.

The groom was a merchant, and for a time owner of a cotton gin. As time went on, he sang in the choir and encouraged their five daughters to sing also. As a group, they learned to sing together and to do special music for different churches.

The Harpoles' only son died of pneumonia when he was only two.

In 1955, Mr. Harpole died after he and his wife had been married for fifty years. Their five daughters have continued to make immeasurable contributions in the realm of church music.

The oldest daughter, Mrs. Edward A. Pryor (Minnie Lee) of Calhoun (Continued On Page 8)



Mrs. Edward A. Pryor, Mrs. Harpole's oldest daughter, has been director of church music at First Church, Calhoun City, for 48 years.

His outdoor "pulpit" at Lake Tahoe is a five-foot cross section of California pine. In winter, he expertly maneuvers the nearby ski slopes, holding worship services right on the snow, where the skiers are. And in summer, the denim-shirted Clayton, wearing heavy lug sole climbing boots and a weathered felt hat, leads teenagers on three backpack expeditions in the California mountains.

Clayton says his backpack program, Christian High Adventure, "relates the adventures of the Christ life to the adventure of outdoor experience."

CHA is part of Greater Tahoe Ministries, a resort ministry of the Home Mission Board in cooperation with the Brotherhood Department of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Clayton is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and was pastor for 14 years.

"I want to communicate to a kid that he's okay. God has a purpose for him. The adventure in the Christian life is finding out what that purpose is," explains Clayton, an experienced mountain climber and graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School.

The adventure backpack trip and the coed trip take six days. The wilderness mountaineering expedition, for boys over 16, lasts 15 days in the high Sierras.

"You know there is not much for guys in high school who make C's, have two dates a year and are on the third string tiddlywinks team. Well, this kind of thing—backpacking—is real good because it gives a guy confidence in himself."

"I was the garden variety type kid growing up, so I know," laughs the tanned, trim missionary.

"When they climb a major peak," says Clayton, "they can look around and say, 'Hey I can do it. I am as good as these other fellows.'"

He recalls one crybaby who had had no friends at home. "The first two days of the hike, he hurt. He was

carrying that 65-pound pack, and he wanted to lay down. I wouldn't let him. 'You can't quit,' I said. 'Get off your duff.'"

"He kept at it," Clayton remembers proudly. "He was scared to death he was going to fall off the mountain, but when he had made the climb, he was so proud of himself."

Each day of hiking includes a 20-minute devotional and a quiet time. "You need not be a Christian to come, but we are unapologetically evangelistic in our emphasis," Clayton emphasizes.

"I don't put my knife to a guy's rope on the mountain and say, 'You

come a Christian?' Clayton says, "but I make sure they know what our purposes are."

"We're going to see the adventure of Christian living, and learn some skills and have fun at the same time."

Clayton teaches classes in sanitation, cooking, rope handling, bouldering, setting up a rain fly, navigation and map reading, and trail and expedition procedures. Cooking is his specialty: "spaghetti, sweet rolls, fried meat pies... we even have German chocolate cake, if you can believe that."

After the day's hike and a good meal at night, there is plenty of time for talk around the campfire. "We get to know each other gradually," says Clayton. "They find it's okay to open up, to share things about themselves. We accept each other and don't put each other down."

That acceptance of other people is Clayton's trademark—on the trail, at the Squaw Valley ski slopes, or with the vacationers at Lake Tahoe.



Foreign Missions Day At Carey, October 21

Planning a 14-hour foreign missions emphasis on the William Carey College campus are, from left, freshman Mary Ann Smith, "missionary kid" from Brazil; Dr. Clarence Thurman, professor of psychology and former missionary to Malaysia; and junior David Davis, "missionary kid" from Ghana. The highlight of the October 21 event will be the 7:30 Foreign Mission Happening for youth, young adults and Christian lay leaders in Thomas Fine Arts auditorium at 7:30. Furloughing missionaries, as well as newly appointed missionaries, will be featured along with outstanding music. Churches in south Mississippi are urged to provide bus and auto transportation to the Carey campus for the special program. (Photo by Ron Dyal)

Miss America: She Prayed For Help 'Just To Do My Best'

By Dan Martin
DALLAS (BP) — Miss America 1975 is a Christian.

"I think people have already picked up that I am a Christian and that I glorify Jesus for being where I am," says Shirley Cothran of Denton, Tex., a Southern Baptist.

As she stepped out onto the runway in Atlantic City on a recent glittering Saturday night, the attractive young woman from North Texas breathed a little prayer.

"I wasn't worried about winning, but that I would do my best. I thought, 'Lord, just help me not to trip and fall and help me to do my best,'" she recalled.

She prayed before she stepped out into the lights at the Miss Texas Pageant in Fort Worth, too.

"You know, that's a pretty frightening thing for a girl of 21 who's not a professional enter-

tainer. So, even before I went out on the stage in the Texas pageant, I prayed that God would help me do my best.

"I wasn't concerned about winning but just to do my very best in representing the people who had worked so hard for me," she added.

Prayer and perseverance have played a large part in Miss Cothran's reaching the pinnacle of beauty pageants. So has her faith and her church, First Baptist Church of Denton, she says.

"I thought I became a Christian when I was nine," she said in a telephone interview from the Miss America suite in a New York hotel.

"But I found He was not really in my life like He should be. . . not in the proper perspective. So, when I was in the eighth grade — about 14 — at Falls Creek (encampment), Okla., I really accepted Christ as my Saviour and since then He has played an extremely important role in my life.

"I have found that when I try to take over my own problems and try to take hold of what I think the answer is, I'm quite often wrong. But, when I let Jesus take over, I find out the problems aren't really as big as I thought they were," she said.

"My church has always been a vital dimension in my own life. I've been active in Vacation Bible School where I believe I got a lot of my fundamentals about what life is all about. . . my morals and my beliefs.

"I've been active in Sunday School. . . and my church family is a very dear one to me," she added, crediting her pastor, L. L. Armstrong and the church's minister of music, Bill Shadle, as being "milestones" in her life.

Her trek to the Miss America Pageant began four years ago when she entered the Miss Denton Pageant. That first year she was runner up.

"I worked very hard, but I wasn't really deserving of winning. . . The girl who won was extremely talented so I wasn't bit-

ter about losing," she explained. She entered again the next year and "really went in with the attitude that I wanted to win. I didn't win. I was first runner up. It really did crush me.

"But, I found out I had not put God in the proper perspective and I feel like now that everything turned out for the best. By proper perspective I mean keeping God first and yourself second.

"I had gone into the pageant doing it all myself. . . wanting to win and making that most important, I failed, but I'm glad I did, because it made me realize I can't do it myself. That's not the way to succeed," she said.

She entered a third year, this time in the Miss Oak Cliff Pageant, and won. She was third runner up in the Miss Texas Pageant.

This year, she won the Miss Halton-Richland Title, the Miss Texas Pageant and finally the Miss America crown.

"It sounds like I was very determined. I was," she says. "I'm not easily discouraged."

Questioned on various topics, she says:

— "I've never tried marijuana. I don't see any need for it, as I don't believe in alcoholic beverages. I don't believe in stimulus things in my body because I don't need them. I have a natural high in which is the Lord Jesus Christ."

— "I enjoy being a woman. I'm not necessarily caught up in women's lib, although I do sympathize with some of their issues as far as equal pay for equal work is concerned. I respect what they are doing and I think they should respect me for what I am doing. I don't worry about all the door opening. Personally, I enjoy it.

The day after she won the pageant, Miss Cothran went to Calvary Baptist Church in New York City.

"It was great to be with Christian friends there," she said.

Looking forward to her reign as Miss America, Miss Cothran reflected that as a Christian, "I think that will be one advantage I have. I look forward to spreading His word."

A Missionary "Whale" In The Grand Canyon!

By Toby Drusin
GRAND CANYON, Ariz. — A whale in the Grand Canyon? You gotta be kidding!

More than two million tourists saw the wonders of the Grand Canyon this summer, marveling at its immensity and colors. Thousands of them also saw a whale — a blonde-haired, blue-eyed home missionary type whale.

The "whale" was perky little Terry Jordan of Birmingham who with three other Birmingham young people from that city's Center Crest Baptist Church presented the musical dramatization of the biblical story of "Jonah and the Whale" to canyon tourists each evening in the Shrine of the Ages.

The Alabama quartet — Miss Jordan, Lynn Jett, Gary Fleming and Larry Ferguson — performed "Jonah," written by their pastor Bob Curlee, more than 60 times to canyon audiences, closing each session with an invitation to the tourists to let their lives count for God. Many made professions of faith.

"Jonah" was sponsored by the Home Mission Board Department of Special Mission Ministries and First Baptist Church of Grand Canyon and the team functioned as student summer missionaries, conducting a day camp, doing a puppet show night.

Sitting Here

sitting here blowing grape-flavored aneurysms at the dog who shys away from my purple face when they burst

—Mark Leggett



ly in the canyon amphitheater before the Jonah performance and singing in area churches.

They were part of a summer missionary "blitz" on the canyon. In addition to the Jonah team, three Christian Service Corps volunteers and a Christian Job Corps team of some 40 college students worked to spread the gospel among the tourists and workers at the canyon.

The Christian Service Corps volunteers were Carmen Dickey and Sammie Grubbs of McCaysville - Copper Hill, Ga., and Jane Hanscomb of Philadelphia, Pa. CSC is the ministry of the Home Mission Board that sends volunteers at their own expense on short term or career assignments all across the nation.

Mrs. Dickey and Mrs. Grubbs, both members of First Baptist Church, McCaysville - Copper Hill, worked in day camps, Vacation Bible Schools and served as dormitory mothers and counselors for the Jonah team and the dozens of college students who found their quarters a Christian

home - away - from - home.

Mrs. Hanscomb, a U. S. Navy retiree, was in charge of the Shrine of the Ages information center. The shrine is used by the First Baptist Church of Grand Canyon and three other religious groups. Many of the more than two million tourists visit the shrine while at the canyon.

The Job Corps was the first in a new venture of the Special Mission Ministries Department to encourage Baptist young people, particularly college students, to take jobs for the summer in resort areas or other heavily - peopled locales and use the opportunity and their "off" hours to bear a Christian witness.

Fred Harvey, Inc., the concessionaire at the Grand Canyon, hires some 600 seasonal employees to complement the permanent staff of 250. In 1973 the company suffered from a turnover of some 60 percent of its employees the first month.

At the suggestion of Paul Milton, pastor of FBC, Grand Canyon, the company focused its recruitment for

the 1974 season on church - related colleges. The personnel turnover dropped from 60 percent to 16 percent and Bill Maxwell, general manager of the Fred Harvey operation here attributed the turnover decline and a general upturn in morale and quality of service to the presence of students from the church - related colleges.

Some 35-40 of the students came from Baptist colleges and Baptist Student Unions visited by Milton and recruiting teams from Fred Harvey. Milton, in addition to being pastor of First Baptist Church here, is also chief pilot for Grand Canyon Scenic Airlines. The Texan, who formerly was pastor at Golida san San Benito, flew the recruiters to the college locations, speaking in chapel programs and BSU retreats and conferences.

"We probably had as many as 50 students here at the start of the season," Milton said. "But work was slow in the beginning due to the drop in the number of tourists and some of them had to move on to get other jobs for the summer."

"Nevertheless, we had a great summer. The kids made a genuine impact with their smiling faces and Christian behavior and witness."

"Many of the older people who have been here before told me the atmosphere was different this summer," said Stan Smith, a Job Corps member from Arizona State University. Smith, who was typical of the student volunteers, heard Milton speak at the Arizona state BSU convention and "knew right then" that he wanted to work and witness at the canyon.

He volunteered for . . . at Camp (Continued On Page 8)

Today's Youth



The Turning Point To Sing At Long Beach And Raymond FIRST CHURCH OF LONG BEACH will host the Turning Point, a Christian musical group, on October 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the new worship center. Currently on a ten month concert tour around the country, Turning Point shares their Christian faith through music and testimonies in churches, high schools, colleges and civic groups. Dr. Gail W. DeBord is pastor; Charles Red is minister of music. Raymond Church will host the Turning Point on October 9 at 7 p.m.

People Accept Christ; Result Of MK Tragedy

PETALING, Malaysia — God has been working in the lives of several students at the International School here as a result of the death of the 16-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Smith.

Three young people from the school accepted Christ at the grave of Jay Scott Smith, son of the Smiths, who was killed August 10 when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car.

A fourth student became a Christian in the Smith's home following the funeral, according to Charles H. Morris, missionary press representative. He said that others are coming to the family seeking answers to problems and guidance.

Pastor Lloyd deRun of First Baptist Church here officiated at the funeral along with some of the Smiths' missionary colleagues. There were

300 attending, including the States ambassador, consul-general of Singapore, representative of the United Nations and almost the entire missionary family. Scott's school friends and basketball coach were pallbearers.

One Chinese mother told Smith as he sat by the casket at the church, "I have one son — he'll be half yours and half mine." That son, a member of Mrs. Smith's Sunday School class, will be baptized by Smith.

The Smith's conduct a Bible study in a home where Scott helped the daughter come to know Jesus. She said Scott told her the night before the accident, "I'm not afraid to die — the first thing I'm going to do when I get to heaven is sit down beside Jesus and talk to Him."

The next day he was doing just that.



The Youth Choir of Tunica Church presented the musical, "Lightshine," on Sunday night, August 18 Rev. Pat Nowell is pastor.



Wayne County Girls: Christmas In August The Actens and Girls in Action from Big Creek, Chicora and Clara Churches of Wayne County observed Christmas in August. They collected clothing, toys and school supplies which they carried to the Indian children at Sandersville. The group presented a brief program-presented the gifts and enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. Pictured are some of the 55 girls that made the trip. The bus was recently bought by the Men's Sunday School class of Big Creek Church to be used for Sunday School and events such as this.

Seven From Hillcrest Work In Bible Schools In Oaxaca

July 12 through August 21, five boys and two girls from Hillcrest Church in Jackson visited the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, assisting Mexican missionary, Esther Fernandez, administrator - teacher in "Dr. G. H. Lacy Seminary" of Oaxaca, in summer mission work. Esther is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

As a church mission project, Hillcrest financed the venture. Young people who participated included Anne Myers, Flo Noble, Chip Davidson, Paul Gunn, Billy Little, Ricky Smith, and Butch Rush. Their report follows:

"The first week of our stay was in

the village of Zaachila. Eleven boys and girls accepted Christ in the Bible school there. Another week was spent at the Rio Blanco Mission in a nearby village where the people showed a tremendous desire for the Gospel. Numerous decisions for Christ were made.

"The most advanced school was in the only Baptist church in the city of Oaxaca, resulting in 22 professions of faith. On Friday night, the program given by the children and to see a display of crafts. Some of the adults heard a Bible message for the first time.

"The last school was in Tlaxiaco.

The Christians there meet regularly in the homes because they have no church building. They suffer much persecution. In each school Esther did the teaching and we were in charge of crafts. We also painted several rooms at the seminary and mended chairs and tables.

"A definite turning point in our lives resulted from the six weeks in Mexico. The Lord dealt with each of us individually, showing us things we lacked in our daily living. The Mexican Christians put us to shame. They have so little, but what they had was shared with us. As we saw these servants of the Lord giving themselves completely to the task

of bringing others to Christ, we realize that the greatest problem in our ministry today is an unwillingness to sacrifice for Him. Many Mexican Christians suffer real persecution because they dare to follow Christ and to make Him known. Witnessing the love in their families strengthened our love for our families. Seeing their poverty made us more grateful for our blessings.

"We have come home with many things imprinted on our minds. The greatest of these is: 'No matter what color, culture, or in what place, all Christians everywhere are one in Spirit, one in the Lord, and one in love.'"



God's Concern About Leaders Of His People

By William J. Fallis
2 Samuel 7

David is an ideal choice for a lesson on leadership. As a young man he had demonstrated superb courage in conquering Goliath and unflinching loyalty in relating to King Saul. After the deaths of Saul and Jonathan, David first became king of Judah, a single tribe, and then seven years later the other tribes asked him to rule the whole nation. He captured Jerusalem, a hill town between Israel and Judah, and made it his capital. Finally, he brought the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem, expecting it to be at the center of a sanctuary for the Lord. The stage was set for a unified nation to subdue its enemies, develop its people, and show its heathen nei-

ghbors the kind of life the Lord required. David was a real leader. The Lord.

The Lesson Explained FROM SHEPHERD TO KING (vv. 8-10a)

David was enjoying his new house in the new capital city, but he regretted that the ark of God was still sheltered only in a tent. Nathan, the prophet, was sure the Lord would approve what David had in mind, but that night he learned that God had other intentions. The Lord had never told any tribe of Israel to build him a house of cedar. Some people have felt this was a warning against institutionalized religion, but verse 13 ruins that argument.

Through Nathan, the Lord reminded David of his early life, how the Lord had raised him from being a shepherd to serve as "ruler over my people." David had not gained the throne by his own effort; he had been selected and lifted by God. True, he

had made some efforts, but even in them the Lord was his companion to give him victory over his enemies.

Even when God turned down David's proposal to build a sanctuary, he wanted the king to know that he had not been rejected. The Lord was looking forward to the time when the whole nation could really be settled "in a place of their own." Since the people were already living in their promised land, perhaps this meant they yet needed to reach a greater national unity before a permanent sanctuary should be built. It was a promise of better times to come.

GOD MADE ISRAEL DIFFERENT (vv. 21-24)

In verse 18 we have an unusual picture of David sitting in the tabernacle probably with the ark in front of him, told any tribe of Israel to build him a sanctuary between two friends. David acknowledged all that the Lord had done for him; he knew it was to fulfill the Lord's intention rather

than because of David's effort or merit. Then in a burst of praise he declared that no other God could equal the Lord, in fact, he was the only God.

That belief made all the more remarkable David's conviction that God had chosen the children of Israel for a special purpose. The Lord believed in them and proved it by delivering them from Egypt and, more recently, from the Canaanite peoples and their gods. Here was something different for that era: instead of Israel selecting the Lord, he had chosen the people and was risking his name forever in their history.

A KING PRAYS FOR HIS HOUSE (vv. 25-29)

The latter part of David's prayer went back to God's amazing promise that he would make David a house (v. 11). Instead of David building a sanctuary for God, the Lord would establish David's throne forever. Spiritual tragedy had overtaken Saul, and his line was ended so far as God's purpose was concerned. But the nation needed a continuity of leadership, especially the kind that David had given. David's son would build a house for the Lord, and God would treat him in a fatherly way — punishing him for disobedience but always with mercy (vv. 14-15).

For this promise David was grateful and prayed that everything God promised would be accomplished. These closing verses sound like a passage from Psalms in their tone of

praise and petition, God matched David's disappointment with a promise beyond his expectations. He was overwhelmed with joy and made a fervent rededication to his God. Of course, Christians can see in verse 29 more meaning than David could imagine.

was. This gave him the opportunity to explain a new word in the English language. The word was created from the initial letters of four words: "Can I help you?" Dr. Laubach was not the originator of the idea but it spoke of his life time of helping people all over the world. He said he would like to see the word "cihu," pronounced "ki-hoo," take the place of our everyday "hello" that we use in greeting.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us could greet each other with "cihu" and really mean it?



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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Expressing Mutual Concern

II Corinthians 1:1-11
By Bill Duncan

Recently I was sitting beside the hospital bed of one of our church members who was suffering — I mean hurting — from an ulcer. In our conversation I was expressing concern for her health and the assurance of God's concern. Then she turned the conversation to say, "Preacher, I don't understand why you do not have an ulcer." For answer I thought she was trying to change the conversation and then it "dawned on me" she was expressing mutual concern. I do not have an ulcer, but she was concerned about my health.

In our ministry of concern there is a caring for one another. Christian love that goes out toward others leaves the door open to receive the love of the other. When we extend a helping hand, let us not forget the golden triangle: God — Others — Self.

The church at Corinth needed the help of Paul. From a study of I Corinthians one can see that the church had divisions, believers were bringing law suits against believers, there was sexual immorality, marital questions abounded, doctrinal questions, arose, etc. This was a troubled church. Paul was concerned about them. He most likely wrote four letters to the church. Many believe that we have all four included in our two. After Paul sent the "harsh" letter, Titus brought good news of repentance on the part of the church. At

that time, Paul wrote what is generally called the letter of "reconciliation" (II Corinthians 1-9 or the whole of II Corinthians).

The ground for Christian fellowship in our churches must be broadened. We live in an impersonal world, but the church must cope with the interpersonal problems within the fellowship of believers. This can only be developed through mutual concern for fellow Christians. Someone may say, "I love the church and the pastor, but I can't stand the people." This is a danger signal! We must be able to give concern and accept concern.

GOD OF ALL COMFORT II Cor. 1:1-4

Paul writes to his friends in Corinth as a man who knows trouble to those who are experiencing trouble. The best source of help when in trouble is God. In verse three, Paul gives a eulogy of God. God was not dead. The word eulogy means "good word." He wanted to give his "flowers" to the living.

The God of all comfort is the God who was revealed in Jesus Christ. He loved us and sent us His Son to reveal His character and concern. Paul summarizes his God by saying He is the source of all that is merciful and of everything that gives strength to cope with life.

Afflictions exert physical pressure on a man. This may be the most severe punishment one can experience. Any man who chooses to be a Christian, chooses to face afflictions. Jesus promised a cross to every follower. The idea of comfort is that God gives help to endure all afflictions. In the strength or help God gives, a

Christian can endure (triumph) over his problems. The Christian's comfort can be courage to stand and fight, power to work it out, or ability that comes from faith in God.

OTHERS ARE TO BE HELPED

The trouble and afflictions that Paul had endured had enabled him to be a source of comfort to others. In II Corinthians 1:9, it seems that there was an experience in the life of Paul almost beyond bearing. He believed he had the sentence of death on him. This experience had taught him "that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead." This experience had taught him his utter dependence upon God. Now he was sharing that with others.

Lincoln said, "I have often been driven to my knees in prayer because I had nowhere else to go."

Paul said, "If we suffer, . . . it is for your comfort and salvation." Why? Paul believed it helped him to better comfort others in suffering. There is also the idea of the Christian body. If one member suffers, the whole body suffers. This is mutual concern.

A person might say, "Why is it any of your business if I hurt?" The truth is that God's people care about one another. We can be of great help to each other.

It is worth experiencing suffering and sorrow if that experience will enable us to help others who are struggling to cope with life. We may be able to show them how God can help them. Confidence is catching, especially in God.

YOU CAN HELP

The Corinthians had a lot to endure and overcome. What could they do to help the Apostle Paul? He asked for their prayers. "The greatest of the gifts is not ashamed to ask for prayers of the least of the brethren."

A person may not have money, or influence to give to another, but he may give the priceless treasure.

Is it proper to ask others to pray for you? What good does it do? God does the delivering but the intercessory prayers are useful. The person praying is blessed. The person prayed for is blessed. God's comfort is extended, many times because God's children asked him to do it.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the noted apostle to the illiterates, wore on his coat a gold button on which were the letters CIHU around a globe and two hands clasped in handshake. The main object of wearing the button was to cause someone to ask what if

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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Strong Hope Pastor Called To Ellard

Rev. Perry Culver has accepted a call to the pastorate of Ellard Church near Bruce. Before going there in August he was pastor of Strong Hope Church in Copiah County for eight years and nine months.

Under his leadership the Strong Hope Church constructed a new masonry building, centrally heated and air conditioned. Plans and specifications for the building were obtained from the Architecture Department of the BSSB, with the guidance of Dennis Conniff, Jr., associate in the Sunday School Department, MBCEB.)

During Mr. Culver's pastorate, Strong Hope has had 98 additions. In 1971 they had 26 baptisms, the third highest in Copiah County for that year. Total receipts more than doubled; mission expenditures doubled, and there was a 60 per cent increase in the church budget.

Mr. Culver has been active in associational work. He served as chairman of the Copiah associational missions committee; president of the pastors' conference, chairman of the program committee, and as moderator, and was serving as clerk of the association at the time of his resignation.

Carey Chapel

Plans Homecoming

The Carey Chapel Church of Mt. Pleasant will observe homecoming services October 13. The pastor, Rev. Don Grimmer, says, "we are expecting the greatest service in the history of our church."

Activities of the day will include: recognition by families in the morning service; dinner on the ground; "The Revelations" providing special music; Rev. Vaughn W. Denton of Memphis speaking in the afternoon. All former members, friends, and relatives are invited.

Nola Homecoming

Nola Church, Lawrence County, will have homecoming services on Sunday, October 13, with Rev. James Duke of Hamilton, Alabama as guest speaker for the morning service. "There will be singing in the afternoon. Everyone is invited," says the pastor, Rev. Robert Smith.

Bethel Holds Appreciation Day For Claude Howe

Bethel Church near Water Valley announces the resignation of Rev. Claude Howe, their pastor for eight years.

Mr. Howe was to move to his home in Senatobia after his final sermon on Sunday, September 29. An appreciation day honored him on his last Sunday with Bethel, a love gift, consisting of a special offering taken during the morning worship service, was given to him.

An Open House was held at the church from three o'clock to five o'clock Sunday afternoon.

"Brother Howe leaves many memories and a lot of love at Bethel. The best of God's blessings and much happiness are wished for him," states on eof the members.

Morrison Chapel

Initiates Mission

Supper Theater

On September 4, Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland, held a Mission Supper Theater. Two mission plays were presented, entitled "Art On the Poster," and "Three Sundays Past." The evening began with a potluck supper.

Winners of a Cooperative Program art contest were announced. Following this, Rev. Otis Henderson, Bolivar superintendent of missions, brought a short message on the history of the Cooperative Program.

Twenty students from Delta State University shared the "food, fun, and fellowship."

Mt. Vernon Homecoming

Mt. Vernon Church, Leflore County, has designated October 13 as homecoming day. Rev. Durrell Makamson, associate pastor at Broadmoor, Jackson, and former pastor of Mt. Vernon, will bring the morning message.

Following lunch at the church, the Christian Crusaders from Greenwood and other singers will present an afternoon program. Rev. L. E. Moon, Sr., pastor, says that former pastors, members and friends are invited.

Senior Citizens Invited To Rice Acres

On October 24, all senior citizens from the churches of Hinds - Madison Association are invited to Rice Acres.

The time is from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each church will make arrangements to provide transportation for the senior citizens from their church. Just bring a covered dish and the association will provide drinks, plates and eating utensils.

"Last May 30 we had 176 to attend from our churches and we had an enjoyable time," reports Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions.

If you want to get a skit together or just bring along some form of entertainment feel free to do so.

NAIROBI, Kenya — Walter Knapp, son of Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Knapp of Tanzania, was guest pianist for the Nairobi Music Society recently. He is currently studying at North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem.

Devotional

Shadows Under The Bed

By Gail W. DeBord, Pastor, First, Long Beach

My three small brothers and I love our old castle-style Missouri farm house, replete with a turret on one end. The upstairs rooms, used mainly for storage, had a friendly atmosphere by day, but took on a ghostly quality at night.

One unforgettable evening, while our parents drove into town, we decided to stay home and play hide and go seek. One fellow hid his eyes in the kitchen while the rest scurried up the circular stairway, hiding in dark corners of the rooms, under the bed, in closets, or behind doors. Almost immediately, in the quiet that followed, our overactive imaginations began conjuring evil faces at the windows and shadows under the bed. Nervous chills began racing down our spines, and we became thoroughly frightened.

Later, car lights turning into our driveway announced that Mother and Dad were home. What a welcome sight! Suddenly, those eerie shadows disappeared and we felt warm and safe.

Have you noticed a parallel in our spiritual lives? We play hide and go seek with God, toying with sin as though we were unafraid of it. And suddenly, it seems we have lost the presence of the Father—we feel all alone. Gruesome shadows appear under the bed, and we become afraid. Then the light of God's work, piercing the darkness in our lives, reveals the remedy for our fears: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." "Repent . . . that your sins may be blotted out, that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Then, in blessed relief, we turn to God, acknowledging his presence and asking his forgiveness; and, once again, we feel warm and safe.



Missionary To Guyana, Former Pastor, Burns Note In Ceremony At Shaw Church

At the close of morning worship services on Sept. 1 at the Shaw Church a "note burning ceremony" was held. This was no routine ceremony—the notes burned represented the paying off of some \$69,000 the church has invested in a large educational building attached to the church by a covered walkway.

The notes were paid off some time ago, but the burning was postponed until this time so that Rev. John Jacobs and Mrs. Jacobs could be present. Mr. Jacobs, given the honor of burning the notes, was pastor of Shaw Church from 1963-1966, and it was largely through his inspirational enthusiasm that plans were formulated and construction started on the new building.

The building was started in 1965 and final payment was made in 1972. It contains a large fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, the pastor's office, and a large well-equipped kitchen.

Mr. Jacobs and his family moved to Shaw in 1963 and moved to Eureka, Mo. near St. Louis in 1966. From there he and his family were appointed to the mission field and sent to Guyana, South America where they remained until May of this year when they returned to the States. They are currently staying on the campus of Clark College where they will remain for about a year awaiting reassignment to a new mission field. The couple has two sons, John, a student at Meramec Community College at St. Louis, and Tom, a high school senior.

In Guyana, Mr. Jacobs was field evangelist, mission treasurer, taught theological education, and developed a radio program. His field covered an area about 65 miles square, and he worked mostly in the jungle with East Indians.

Mrs. Jacobs managed a book store service, was advisor for the Girl's Auxiliary, wrote programs and quarterlies, and worked in the churches doing mission work and teaching.

During their year in the States, Mr. Jacobs is filling speaking engage-

ments, preaching, and sharing experiences in the jungle, showing slides to illustrate his talks. The slides were shown at the Shaw church on Saturday night, Aug. 31.

Plans are underway to replace the present Shaw church with a new building. The church was completed about 1924. The first Sunday the congregation was to have services found the new building in ashes—the church had caught fire from a house next door and burned. The church was immediately rebuilt, but after 50 years needs extensive repairs, so a new building program is underway to replace the two-story brick structure with a one-story building that will fill the needs of the congregation.

The church is presently pastored by Rev. Eugene Wigley who has been there for about 16 months. He and his wife Donna have one daughter, Angela.

Off The Record

Dad: "I don't want our daughter to rush into marriage. Let her wait till the right man comes along."
Mother: "I didn't!"

"Are these toadstools or mushrooms?"
"Eat one. If you wake up tomorrow, they're mushrooms."

My town has a seafood cafe that's so small, it serves oysters on the quarter shell.

Remark after horseback ride: "Never thought anything stuffed with hay could be so hard!"

A lawyer claims to have received the following letter from a client: "My husband got struck by an automobile, Number 517506. If the owner is rich, sue him at once. John wasn't bruised any, but on your notifying me that you have entered suit, I will hit him in 2 or 3 places with a hammer."

The old man from a rural precinct timorously pulled on to the freeway and into the minimum speed lane. But he drove much under the minimum. Other cars sped past him like rockets.

A patrolling policeman waved him over to the side and to a halt. "I guess you know why I stopped you," the officer began.

"Sure," said the old man. "I was the only one you could catch!"

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Retired Musician Is Mother Of Four Ministers Of Music

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City, was pianist several years, and has been director of church music at First, Calhoun City, for 48 years. In 1946 Luther Harrison, first director of the state Baptist music association, led the state — at First Church, Calhoun City. During this time the Calhoun County Music Association was organized and Mrs. Pryor was chosen as its first director and served for six years. (On July 8, 1973, her church honored her for her long years of service, with a Homecoming Day, a reception, and a vocal concert by her two daughters, Mrs. T. C. Buford of Glendora and Mrs. Lee Pryor Uihorn of Memphis.)

The second daughter, Mrs. Graydon Logan (Mae Alice), of First, Eupora, served 25 years as church pianist, assistant organist and part of this time as junior choir director.

The third daughter, Mrs. H. K. Curry (Inez), now Mrs. O. B. Crocker, Sr., was nine years director of church music at First, Eupora, and later director at First, Bruce.

The fourth daughter, Mrs. John Gilliland, Jr. (Dorothy Gwin) has been director of music at Coldwater Church for nine years and certified director with the U.M.E. Church for 18 years.

The fifth daughter, Mrs. G. W. Wall (Anne) has served as director of church music at Inverness Church for twenty years.

Two granddaughters (Ada Gwin Pryor Buford and Lee Pryor Uihorn, both daughters of Minnie Lee Pryor) graduated from Indiana University School of Music. Mrs. Buford has been director of church music at Clarksdale and Sumner for 15 years. These sisters were presented in a vocal concert at Blue Mountain College in 1972 honoring their mother and her four sisters, all of whom attended Blue Mountain.

Two of Mrs. Harpole's sisters were musicians also. One is Rena Gwin Burks who was organist at First Church, Greenwood, for over thirty years. The other was Doria Earnest who died three years ago at 96. The latter attended county and state sacred harp singings until she was 94, once in her rocking chair on the back of a pick-up. She was organist for those singings for many years and was one of few who could play sacred harp on the piano. (It was very

difficult because you had to play four lines at one time.)

With her oldest daughter, Mrs. Harpole attended the first sacred music school at Belhaven College in 1936. Also attended the first state Baptist music school.

rected male and mixed quartets, double women's quartets, boys' choir, a children's choir program, and a quintet composed of her five daughters. She trained many church pianists and soloists. She and Mrs. Pryor organized the first Baptist ladies' trios in the state. For these, they arranged their own music.

Since she retired, Mrs. Harpole no longer sings in the choir, but is in good health and attends church regularly (she looks at least twenty or thirty years younger than her age.) At home she likes to read, watch television, and grow African violets. Every day, unless she is ill, she plays the piano from one to two hours.

She believes that the music talent in her family is an inherited trait. Her daughter, Mrs. Logan, thinks that environment has been an added factor, too. She says, "If a child constantly hears good music, he may find it easier to develop the talent he already has. I have had children in choir who did not know they could sing. They had not sung at home with their families, but when they were exposed to the music in the choir, they found out they could sing."

What is Mrs. Harpole's favorite hymn? "I guess you really couldn't say I have a favorite," she answers, "but probably most people my age would say 'Amazing Grace.'" That hymn has been around longer than either Mrs. Harpole or Webster County.

Enrolment Up At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Tex. — A new record enrolment of 2304 students, among whom 67 are from Mississippi, has been reached at Southwestern Seminary. According to Registrar L. L. Collins, the figures represent a seven percent increase over last fall semester's record enrolment.

Students at the Fort Worth seminary, according to an enrolment report, come from 47 states and 20 countries.

Revival Dates

Locust Street Church, McComb; Oct. 6-11; 7:30 nightly. Rev. Wiley B. Reid, pastor. Friendship Church, Brookhaven, evangelist. Rev. Curtis Williams and Gene Price, from Central Church, McComb, singers; Rev. Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

Calvary, Hattiesburg; October 6-13. Rev. Ray Grissett, pastor of First, Philadelphia, evangelist; George Maddox, directing the music; regular services on Sunday; during week at 7 p.m.; Rev. Emmett Boone, pastor.

Weedland Hills, Jackson; October 6-9; Rev. Henry Crouch, former pastor at Woodland Hills and now pastor of Providence Church, Charlotte, N. C., evangelist; Frank Stovall, professor at Southwestern Seminary, evangelistic singer; Rev. Al Finch, pastor.

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A Whale In The . . .

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ers Service, the laundry and shower facility.

"I knew I would be cleaning out showers and toilets," he said, "but people get so made when the machines don't work and other things go wrong that it presents a good opportunity to witness just by your actions and how you handle a complaint. It's a challenge to see if the devil is going to get down through other people's problems. I've grown quite a bit and learned things about myself."

Smith, a computer science major, also led singing during the summer at the First Baptist Church and directed the choir.

Many of the 35 - 40 Job Corps members led some of their fellow workers to Christ in personal witnessing sessions.

Milton already is making plans for the next season and hopes to bring even more Baptist students to the canyon. Concentrated recruiting efforts are being planned for areas near clusters of colleges such as Dallas - Ft. Worth and Houston.

"I would like to have 100 of them working here next summer," he said.



Bates, Shelton

LOUISVILLE — Carl Bates, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N. C., and Joe Ann Shelton, concert soloist from Fort Worth, will be two of the featured program personalities at the East Central Bible Conference here Oct. 14-17. Meetings will be held at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Fourth Avenue Baptist Church and Fourth Avenue Methodist Church. For registration information write to East Central Bible Conference, 400 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky. 40202.

Preacher's Wife Dies In Meridian

Mrs. Mary Alice Williams, the wife of Rev. T. E. Williams, Route 1, Meridian, died at King's Daughters and Sons Nursing Home in Meridian, September 19.

Survivors are her husband, and one daughter, Ann Carson Williams of Ft. Myers, Florida.

Mrs. Williams requested that an evangelistic service be conducted at her funeral, with an invitation given for the lost to accept Christ. Her wishes were carried out.

Rev. R. M. Williams, her husband's brother, brought the message, assisted by Dr. Wayne Sterling, of McComb. Rev. Harold D. Scott, pastor, and Ken Barlow, of Baton Rouge, La., who led the singing. The services were held in the Union Baptist Church, Route 1, Meridian, (Clarke County) with interment in the church cemetery.

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Chaplains Group Elects Officers

The Mississippi Baptist Chaplains' Association had its quarterly meeting at the Baptist Building Sept. 17. The Chaplaincy Ministry is under the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director.

The association elected the following officers:

President: Dr. Walter Bennett, Consultant, Church Administration Work, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. was guest luncheon speaker.

Those in attendance in addition to officers were: Chaplains Ray Bell, Columbia; Thomas Black, Biloxi; Leon Emery, Jackson; C. B. Hamlet, III, Hattiesburg; Edmund Holmes, Biloxi; L. W. Knight, Long Beach; J. C. Renfro, Pearl; N. B. Saucier, Biloxi; and Dr. Foy Rogers. Special guests were: Rev. Preston Bright, pastor of the Western Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas; and Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, III, wife of Chaplain C. B. Hamlet, III, Hattiesburg.

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REVIVAL RESULTS

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